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FALLS RETARD RESCUE WORK WITH TWELVE DEAD RECOVERED; AN ORDER FOR 200 CASKETS.

Mine Has Been Penetrated a Distance of 7,000 Feet on Main Slope and 800 on the Dip Heading.

FEDERAL EXPERTS ON THE SCENE

At Five O'clock this morning three unidentified bodies were recovered and brought to the surface. Making twelve bodies. All told out—many may be found this afternoon.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 21.—At noon today twelve bodies have been recovered from the Darr mine. Three were brought to the surface at 7 o'clock last night. They were John Markey, aged 34 years, assistant mine foreman and five boys: Joseph Sharpberger, aged 16, a brakeman on one of the motors, and Solomon Hough, aged 43, who was a machine operator. Markey leaves a wife and four children. Hough leaves a family.

At 5 o'clock this morning three bodies were brought out of the mine and taken to the morgue. They are badly mutilated and identification can not positively be made. One of the men is supposed to be Benjamin Bowles, aged 42, a trapper boy, and another Nicholas Murphy, a fire boss. The other is a foreman, found at a depth of about 4,000 feet.

Today the rescuing parties are working in four-hour shifts. There are 25 men in each party in charge of mine foremen of the Pittsburgh Coal Company and the State Inspectors who went back into the pit this morning. The rescuers work not more than 200 feet ahead of the air at any time. They have entered the main slope to a depth of 7,000 feet and have penetrated the dip heading 800 feet. In the latter heading the rescuers expect to find a great number of the dead. On the main slope but one dead fall was encountered, but there are many smaller ones, which retard the work of the relief parties. Larger falls are expected in the heading. The shift of men that went to work at 1 o'clock this afternoon, before entering the pit, said they expected to accomplish a great deal in the dip and fully anticipated finding many of the dead in that heading or the rooms cut off it.

At 1 o'clock mine inspector Thomas Williams of Connellville came out of the pit with one of the relief parties. He said: "We are working with all speed commensurate with the safety of the rescuing parties. It must be taken into consideration that the workings of the Darr mine cover an area as large as some townships and that safety of the rescuing parties must be considered. There is a lot of work to be done. We have not encountered any falls of great importance. All of them have been overcome in comparatively short time. While the force of the explosion wrecked mine cars, doors and brattices, it has not done comparatively great damage to the mine. There are many small obstructions and it is these that hold back the progress of the rescuers. We are carrying our air current along with us, at no time getting more than 200 feet ahead of it. Much blackdamp is encountered. I do not think there is any danger of a second explosion. All the precaution possible is being taken. Little gas has been encountered."

A. B. Davidson of New York who this afternoon took six patent diving helmets into the mine for an experiment, which will be made by the State Inspectors and others at work. It is claimed that with the helmet a man can live for an hour and a half and work successfully in the foulest blackdamp.

Vice President and General Manager Geo. W. Schleuderberg, said this morning that he still believes his estimate of the death list is correct. He says there were not more than 160 to 170 men entombed in the mine. All records of the company, Mr. Schleuderberg says, go to prove that the death list will not exceed his figures. However, an additional order for caskets was sent this morning. There are 160 caskets piled in and about the temporary morgue this afternoon and 40 more are on their way from Pittsburgh, making 200 in all.

Chief Engineer E. B. Taylor of the Pittsburgh Coal Company stated that the State Inspectors so far have made no official inspection. They have been in the mine almost continually since their arrival yesterday and have assisted greatly in directing the work of re-establishing air currents. The inspectors are to make an official report to Chief James B. Roderick.

R. T. Chamberlain, a chemist of the United States Geological Survey, arrived here from Chicago this morning and with Clarence Hall, the Government expert from Washington, D. C., will make an inspection of the mine. They will report to their respective departments at Washington. Hall has been at Miami, Monongah and Volcano, Ala. S. N. Fowler and J. M. Watson, of the Engineering and Mining Journal, are also here and will make an exhaustive inspection of the pit after it is cleared up and the work of rescue is well under way.

William Randolph, Assistant Manager of Mines, said this morning that so far the officials are at a loss to positively assign a cause for the explosion. The general supposition is that it came from the ignition of a body of fire damp by an open light or the sparking of a motor and that the gas explosion was then augmented by an explosion of dust.

Nearly all of the twelve bodies so far recovered are in some manner mutilated.

In the annual report of the bituminous inspectors for 1906, Inspector John F. Bell, who was then in charge of the Thirteenth District, says that the ventilation in the Darr mine "was fair, except in some portions of the mine drainage satisfactory."

The women of Smithton have established a commissary just beyond the entrance to the slope and are providing the rescuing parties with coffee and sandwiches. The commissary is in charge of Mrs. Elta McDonald, Mrs. Mary, Mrs. D. O. Smith, Mrs. John Lynn, Mrs. Albert Lynn, Mrs. Thomas Rhodes and Mrs. Walter Morrow.

The first funeral of a victim was held yesterday afternoon at Smithton. Peter Linbaugh, who was among the first bodies taken from the slope laid to rest in the little cemetery at Smithton. This afternoon the body of Mine Foreman W. S. Campbell will be taken to Sturgeon, Washington county, where interment will be made tomorrow afternoon. The body of Peter Tankoy, one of the fire bosses, has been turned over to Funeral Director J. L. Stader of Connellville and interment will be made from his rooms likely on Sunday afternoon.

The engine house at the mine has been converted into a real house for members of the rescuing parties. Last night when off duty they slept any place where they could get to the down, some in the company stores, some in the morgue and other places about the works. This morning the engine house was fitted up with cots and a few hours' sleep can be comfortably caught there when the men come out of the pit.

Officials of the company are trying to get in communication with relatives or friends of Clark Adams, one of the men entombed in the mine. A short time ago Adams left Darr and stated that he was going home to the anthracite region, where he had fallen heir to quite a sum of money. It was necessary for him to return to settle up the estate of a relative who had died. Adams came back to Darr but a few days ago and was in the mine Thursday when it went up.

The crowd about the mine while not as large today as it was yesterday, is still great. Few of the relatives or friends of the entombed men are to be seen about the mine entrance. All the rescue work is now centered at the slope. At first some efforts were made to gain an entrance through the two mainways. They are choked with small falls and the rescuing parties found better progress could be made through the slope. All hope of any of the men being alive has been abandoned. The explosion apparently reached back into the mine with greater force than it did toward the entrances of the slope and mainways. As the rescuers worked their way back they encountered more falls than they did closer to the slope entrance.

A body was found by the returning relief party at 1 o'clock this afternoon. It was not identified and will not be taken out from the mine until this evening.

Advertising Coffee.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 21.—The immense demand for coffee has brought here many demonstrators of various brands of coffee, which are serving as advertisements to the large crowds. It is now possible to get a hot tin of coffee anywhere from the station to the pit mouth.

JOHN MARKEY'S FUNERAL.

Darr Mine Victim Will be Buried at Dunbar Tomorrow.

The funeral of the late John Markey, a victim of the Darr mine disaster at Jacobs Creek, will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock from the Methodist Protestant church at Dunbar. Rev. D. B. Minard will officiate. Interment in Auburn cemetery.

Mr. Markey was a former resident of Dunbar residing there about a year. He is survived by his father, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Markey and son, Martin, of Jacobs Creek.

EMPLOYEES GET CHRISTMAS PAY.

Borough Council Holds Special Meeting to Pass Orders for Them.

\$500 TO CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

Makes \$1,000 Contribution for Maintenance of Institution During Year. Interest on Certificates Paid—Isabella Street Orphanage.

The borough employees are today receiving their vouchers for December work. This was made possible by a meeting of Town Council last night at which orders were passed for all the employees, and today Borough Treasurer Butler is handing them out. The word spread rapidly that Council had ordered the employees paid before Christmas, and bright and early they began coming in for their pay. Some of the night policemen stayed up long enough to take their checks along home with them.

The meeting last night was attended by all the members of Council except Clair Sullivan. In addition to passing the salary bills, the Council also passed an order for \$500, payable to the Carnegie Free Library. The sum, completing a donation of \$1,000 for the year to that institution. A voucher for \$500 was paid in October. Interest on certificates to the amount of \$225 was also paid. The Citizens' National Bank receiving \$168.66 and the Colonial National Bank \$94.32. Council was in session for some time and general matters relating to the town, and especially the street, were discussed.

The following bills were ordered paid:

A. D. Solson, Burgess	\$60.00
R. W. Roelken, Clerk	50.00
J. W. Butler, Treasurer	14.07
Ella Decker, Janitress	12.00
B. Rottler, Chief of Police	61.98
Edward Poll, policeman	65.00
Thomas McDonald, police	65.00
John A. Lowe, police	65.00
Lozian Mills, police	65.00
Michael McCann, police	65.00
J. W. Mitchell, fireman	50.00
Arch Holliday, fireman	50.00
John Sullivan, fireman	50.00
A. M. Krepps, fireman	42.67
Board of Health	130.00
B. C. Stauffer, hauling on streets	77.50
Alex. Pool, work on streets	25.07
Henry Baker, work on streets	17.50
John Smith, work on streets	17.50
J. W. Stauffer, work on streets	14.00
B. H. Hogg, surveyor	253.23
Combination L. Co., supplies	5.00
Wm. McClintock, plumbing	8.30
Thal Regar, fireman's relief	2.00
Total	\$1,318.05

The improvement of Isabella street again came up. At a previous meeting of Council a motion was passed authorizing F. T. Evans to secure bids for the cost of the improvement under the proposition made by Mr. Evans and others along the street. After much discussion last night the Ordinance Committee was authorized to have an ordinance drawn covering the improvement and presented at the next meeting. Before a decision was reached in the matter Borough Solicitor E. C. Higbee was called in to straighten out the tangle.

AWAY 40 YEARS.

Peter Murphy Returns to Dunbar After Being Mourned as Dead Scores of Years.

DUNBAR, Dec. 21.—James Murphy, an old resident of Dunbar, had a joyful surprise this week when his brother, Peter Murphy, whom he had mourned as dead for the past 40 years, appeared at the Murphy home on Dunbar Hill.

Mr. Murphy lost trace of his brother 40 years ago, and all efforts made to find him were fruitless. Finally Mr. Murphy came to the conclusion that his brother was dead. He seldom appeared brought much joy to the Murphy home. Since leaving Dunbar Mr. Murphy has been residing in Cleveland, O. He will likely spend Christmas with his brother.

MORBIDLY CURIOUS SEE BUT LITTLE.

Crowd Kept Back From Darr Entrance by Ropes and Guards.

IS NO DISORDER AT THE MINE.

Rescue Work is Being Carried Out in a Systematic Manner and Those With Business About the Pit Are Given Checks.

Special to The Courier.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 21.—The morbidly curious sightseers who throng to Darr mine certainly gain little reward for the frenzied efforts required to reach the scene. Those in search of the spectacular meet with disappointments on every hand. In the first place there is nothing to see, and in the second, no place to see it from. The available space outside the guard ropes is limited to a certain number, and that decidedly small. The workings are enclosed with ropes for a goodly distance on each side of the pit mouth, the only point where any scenes are likely to be enacted can be viewed from but a few places.

Indeed, those inside the ropes can see but little. With them, as with those on the outside, it is a case of standing on the frozen ground until the sun melts high and then tramping around in the mud and slush. The officials have very wisely decided to bring no bodies out of the pit in daylight, while the crowds are gathered about, in order to preclude the possibility of a disturbance, and during the day there is nothing to see but the rescuers working about the mine entrance, loading cars of brattices material and attending to other duties of a like nature.

Telephone service from this vicinity was much improved yesterday morning when the Bell company installed a phone in the sand house at the works. This phone is on a trunk line between Connellville and West Newton. The only other available line is one on which are 15 party phones.

All day yesterday the crowd of sightseers increased hourly. On the day of the explosion 1,300 people were carried across the "sky ferry" between Jacobs Creek on the P. & O. and Jacobs Creek on the P. & L. E. This number was increased yesterday and the indications are that the number of sightseers handled by this "only means of access across the Youghiogheny river will exceed that of the two days previous. As the basket only carries six people, traffic is handled slowly. Most of the spectators travel over the Lake Erie, the scene of the disaster being on that side of the river. Yesterday trains reached Jacobs Creek with passengers riding on the trestle and on roofs, blind baggage and every other available space. It is a question if some of the "didn't travel on the trucks. It is estimated that over 2,000 spectators visited the scene yesterday. As aforesaid, they saw nothing to reward their trouble.

Order about the mine is perfect. The detail of State Constables under Sergeant Paul B. Stout, is performing excellent and efficient service, which has drawn the most favorable comment from officials of the company and others interested. Aiding them are several deputies from the Pittsburgh Coal Company. Only those to whom badges have been issued are admitted within the ropes. Every man who has business within the enclosure has been given a badge and none others are entitled to them. The names of company officials, newspaper representatives and those on hand to aid and assist the rescuers are recorded, together with their badge numbers. Quite a few had their tags recalled yesterday when it was found that their services would not be required.

As is usual on such occasions, there is an overplus of rescuers. Yesterday there were three or four volunteers for every one actually needed. It is probable that by tomorrow or Sunday there will only be too few on hand to do the work available. The final outcome of situations, of this nature.

Rescue work is being carried out in a most systematic and effective manner. Every man is checked in and out of the mine and each party is in charge of competent mine men. The morgue is in charge of John Britt, whose coolness and good judgment makes him an ideal man in the position. Mr. Britt is connected with the company.

There were few harrowing scenes witnessed yesterday. Those gathered about the mine, who had lost loved ones for the most part suppressed outward evidences of grief, yet when the

coffins were brought over in the afternoon, even the most stoical broke down and wept without restraint. Those mute evidences of the calamity seemed to have their effect more than anything else yesterday.

DEATH LIST 341.

One More Body Found in Monongah Mine Last Night.
FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—One more body was recovered last night in the wrecked Monongah mine, making a total of 341 now removed. State Mine Inspector Paul and his Mine Inspectors will not likely finish their investigations for several days.

The regular forces continue the removal of the falls at night, but the days are given over to the Mine Inspectors' work. The date of the request is still undecided.

THIRTY MINUTES TO LEAVE TOWN.

I. N. Cox of Cumberland Given a Sentence That Made Him Hustle.

WANTED TO STAY A WHILE.

Gilmore Younklin Taken Into Custody and Serious Charge Lodged Against Him by Chief of Police Rottler. Was With a Very Drunken Man.

I. N. Cox, a railroadman from Cumberland, was given a light sentence but one that he had to be lively to carry out. Burgess Solson was ill this morning, George Porter, President of Council, presided. "You just give you 30 minutes to get out of town, and the police are directed to see that you don't stay a minute over that time." Cox demurred a little, saying that he would like to see some of his friends here. He went, however, Cox was arrested for drunkenness last night and claimed that he was suffering from a severe case of cramps and wanted a doctor.

Gilmore Younklin of South Connellville went up against a severe lot of testimony on the part of Chief Rottler. He stated that Younklin was a local bum, that he was in the habit of hunting up men who became so badly intoxicated and on the plea of taking care of them, loaf with them. He was caught last night with a drunk man whom he claimed to know but he could not give his name. He had him back of the Baltimore & Ohio station when arrested and told the police they were going to Philadelphia. Chief Rottler said that he had received numerous complaints about Younklin. He was not allowed to stay at his home and he did not work. His case was held over for further investigation.

Robert Williams was sentenced to 48 hours for disorderly conduct in S. J. Harry's office. He raised a disturbance over his wages.

ARE TERRORIZED

Citizens of Brownsville to Organize Vigilance Committee and Ask for State Police.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 20.—Policeman H. C. Harper of Brownsville this morning brought to jail James McCouley and Simon Mangan, charged with carrying concealed weapons and highway robbery. There is so much lawlessness in the Brownsville and Bridgeport district that the people are talking of forming a Vigilance Committee and have petitioned for a detail of the State Constabulary.

What led to the arrest of the two men now in jail was the holding up of Squire J. C. Ross. He was passing along a prominent street when the two men called to him not to become excited and to hand over his money. About this time a friend passed by on the opposite side of the street and called to him: "Are you held up?" The Squire didn't reply and then the friend discovered that there was something wrong.

He came to his aid and the men fled. Later Connellville Elton and a porter at the Monongahela Bank were held up and robbed of 14 cents by the same men. The police and citizens then got busy and captured them. Both of them had razors up their sleeves when taken.

Called by Father's Death.
Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Seelye were called to Scranton, Pa., this morning by the death of the former's father.

No New Patients.
No new patients have been admitted to the Cottage State Hospital within the past few days.

DARR RELIEF ASSOCIATION FORMED HERE THIS MORNING.

Will Collect and Distribute Money and Supplies for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans.

TEACHER MARRIED.

Miss Mary E. Bosley and J. P. Harper Wedded Yesterday.

Miss Mary E. Bosley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bosley of New Haven and James P. Harper of Uledi were quietly married Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. I. K. Wisner, at the Lutheran parsonage in Uniontown.

The bride is a teacher in the Vanderbilt schools and for two years taught in the New Haven schools. She had been in Uniontown this week attending the Teachers' Institute and the announcement of the marriage came as a great surprise to their many friends.

TWENTY VICTIMS

Of Darr Disaster Members of Slavish Lutheran Church and Will be Buried Here.

Rev. M. Tomaszek, pastor of St. Peter's Slavish Lutheran church on Porter avenue, stated this morning that revised figures of the members of his congregation killed at Darr show that 20 men who belonged to his congregation lost their lives. Van Meter which is the name of the postoffice at Darr, is in Rev. Tomaszek's congregational district. None of the bodies of the members of his church had been found up to last night.

All of the 20 men killed belonged to the local Slavish Lutheran church society. The funeral Rev. Tomaszek said this morning, will be held in Connellville, provided the bodies can be properly identified when they are taken from the pit.

OFFER REWARD.

District Attorney Says One Will Be Given to Hunt Down Black Hand.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 2.—County Detective Alex. McBeth went to Redstone township this morning to investigate the mysterious shooting of Dominic Carvotti, the Fayette Brewing Company agent, who was shot while driving along the road in his wagon. District Attorney Hudson this morning stated that a reward would likely be offered for the arrest and conviction of the men, as he believes that it is a member of the Black Hand gang that committed the murder.

The authorities have been watching that section of the county for some time, having received information that there are members of the Black Hand Society in that neighborhood.

DIED OF BURNS.

Foreign Coke Drawer Expires at Hospital This Morning and Was Injured at Port Hill.

After suffering great agony, Steve Marowich, a coke drawer in the employ of W. J. Rainey at Port Hill, died this morning at 1 o'clock at the Cottage State Hospital as the result of burns sustained while at work on December 3.

Decensed was 20 years old. The body was removed to Funeral Director J. L. Stader's room and prepared for burial. Arrangements for the funeral will be made as soon as the relatives of the dead man arrive here.

VALUABLE ESTATE.

George W. Franks Disposes of His Earthly Belongings to Family.
UNIONTOWN, Dec. 21.—The will of George W. Franks of German township, who died December 15, was entered for probate this morning and letters testamentary were granted to Malcolm M. and James M. Franks. The estate is a valuable one, the personal property alone being valued at \$25,000. Decensed also owned a valuable tract of land in German township. The home place is to go to his wife during her life and then to his brother, Jesse Franks, and his children. All the rest of the property is to be divided equally between his wife and four children. The will is dated November 30, 1907.

The Weather.
Fair tonight, and Sunday snow or rain, is the forecast of the noon weather bulletin.

DEAL IN FURNITURE.

Charles Louden Charged With Buying and Selling It.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 21.—An information against Charles Louden of Connellville has been returned here. The information charges larceny by bailee. It is alleged that Louden purchased furniture from the Wallace Furniture Company to the amount of \$32.50 and that he sold it for \$20 and then departed.

TO VISIT SCENE TOMORROW.

Will Report on Needs and Requirements of Stricken Families—B. P. Wallace is Chairman and E. W. Horner Treasurer—Banks Authorized to Receive Contributions.

The Darr Mines Relief Association was formed this morning at a meeting of the business men in the store of the Wallace Furniture Company. The meeting was largely attended and the form of organization and handling of funds carefully discussed. B. P. Wallace was elected chairman of the association, E. W. Horner, treasurer and W. C. Armstrong, secretary. The following were named on the Relief Committee: E. K. Dick, E. T. Norton, Harry Dunn, John Duggan, J. S. Patterson, E. A. B. Falkquist, Peter Ruteck, S. M. Goodman, Rev. Tomaszek, A. W. Bishop, E. R. Floto, John Armstrong, J. L. Kutz, James C. Long, D. P. Lepley, E. F. Boyts, Grant Meyers, J. J. Driscoll, P. J. Harrigan, W. K. Higberger, W. H. Towsey, H. L. Douglas, W. H. Thomas, Joseph Matigan, Joe Laughrey, George R. Folds, J. W. Brown, P. J. Tormay, R. J. C. Beorberow, Rev. S. B. Tormay, Frank Bradford, Rev. D'Zubay, and Rev. Adam Ples. C. L. Orbach, publisher of the "Slipack Press" was present at the meeting and was also named on the committee.

Rev. E. A. M. Falkquist was present as the representative of the Ministerial Association and stated that the ministers would hold a meeting at four o'clock this afternoon to map out plans in connection with the work of the committee.

In addition to the Relief Committee, the following committee was appointed to take charge of the distribution of supplies and funds and to direct the application of the funds: E. W. Horner, Harry Dunn, Peter Ruteck, Rev. Tomaszek, John Duggan and Rev. E. A. M. Falkquist.

The committee will go to Jacobs Creek tomorrow and make a canvass of the village and determine upon the needs of the stricken residents. Upon their return they will make known their observations and the ministers will give their congregations some idea of what is needed in the village. The banks have been authorized to receive funds for relief. The Merchants' Association yesterday afternoon held a meeting and voted \$100 to the Relief Fund for the sufferers. Peter Ruteck has contributed \$50 to the fund and Renner has donated 50 loaves of bread. The distribution of supplies and clothing will begin on Monday. A meeting of the ministers is scheduled for 4:30 today.

VICTIMS' BURIALS.

Relatives and Friends Will Get Bodies Just as Soon as Identification is Made.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 21.—Officials of the Pittsburgh Coal Company have announced that the bodies of identified victims may be taken in charge by their friends or relatives as soon as they have been prepared for burial. The temporary morgue established in the blackdamp shop is, for too small to accommodate all the bodies that are expected to be recovered, and while arrangements have been made to open another morgue in an empty company house, where the bodies will be taken after they are prepared for burial, even then the quarters will be cramped.

The company will stand the entire expense of burial for those interred at Smithton, which will be the burying ground for most of the victims. Rev. A. B. B. pastor of St. Timothy's church, has been placed in charge of this end of the work.

For those to be interred elsewhere it is understood that the company will have the bodies prepared for burial and shipped to the designated point.

MORIBID CROWD CREATES SCENE.

Follow Body of Dead Miner
to His Home in Effort
to See It.

DRIVEN AWAY BY STATE COPS.

Impossible to Take Casket from Rough Box—Geological Survey Examiner Arrives to Inspect Mine—No Fire in the Pit.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 21.—The moribund crowd that has swarmed about the mines for the past two days endeavoring to get a glimpse of the dead as they are taken to the blacksmith shop, today came very near causing a riot, but succeeded in seeing one of the dead. This was when the body of Joseph Shupko, which was first erroneously identified as that of Nicholas Murphy, was taken from the morgue to his home, No. 47.

The crowd closed in on the open casket as it was being placed in the rough box and the men carrying it could scarcely get it within the vehicle. With one wild lunge the crowd rushed to the home of the dead miner, where his wife and five little children stood on the porch waiting for his body. They crowded in upon the undertakers and into the house. Fully 100 were in the little dwelling. It was impossible to remove the body from the rough box and the widow and her little children were crushed in a helpless little group against the wall. The State Constabulary was called and after 15 minutes' hard work succeeded in clearing the house, but not before some of the moribund crowd had seen the scared face of the dead miner.

The identification of Shupko was followed by the identification of Frank McIntosh. These two bodies have been at the morgue since yesterday awaiting identification. They were both badly mutilated.

Coroner C. A. Wynn failed to arrive today, but sent his deputy, H. A. McMurray. McMurray was about the morgue for a short time, and he cannot now be found. There is considerable discussion over this, as it was expected that the Coroner would be present at the morgue and systematize the work according to his ideas.

Vice President and General Manager George W. Schleuderberg is much exercised by reports sent out by correspondents that the mine is on fire. It was said this morning that he intended to have a conference with the local correspondents and make it plain that there was no fire in the mine and no danger from one.

The report has caused great anxiety to the families of the men who are employed in the mine, and has kept the telephones constantly busy with inquiries about them. The inspectors have been seriously annoyed.

SPRINGFIELD FIRE.

Illinois City Is Threatened and Already Loss of \$5,000,000 Has Been Sustained.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 21.—A big fire is raging here in the business center of the city. Johnson, Thatcher & Company's big furniture house is a total loss, and John Bruesler's large toy goods store is now in flames. The fire is spreading rapidly.

The fire started in the display window of the Johnson & Thatcher department store. It is spreading rapidly. So far the loss is \$500,000 in property. The fire threatens the entire heart of the business district. The State Register building and the Capital Telegraph Company's building are now on fire.

The fire department feel confident that they will be able to contain the fire to one city block.

Four persons are supposed to have lost their lives in the basement of one of the burning buildings.

WILL BE SOLDIER.

Foreign Boy Has Guardian Appointed So He Can Fight for Uncle Sam.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 20.—A special session of the Orphans' Court, with Judge J. C. Work presiding, was held this morning for the sole and only purpose of appointing a guardian for Charles Orgovan, employed at Phillips. Orgovan has suddenly become possessed with an unquenchable desire for joining the United States army and, as he is but 20 years old, it was necessary to secure the consent of his parents or guardian. Orgovan's father died at Lexington in 1904 and his mother is still in Hungary.

The only relatives that he has in this country is a brother at Phillips and a sister in Uniontown. The petition was presented for a guardian and J. J. Hall was appointed. He will fill out the necessary papers for the government. As soon as these details are completed Orgovan will become a soldier and will probably be sent to the Columbus barracks.

Classified Ads in The Courier bring results. Only one cent a word. Try 'em.

ANNUAL TREAT.

Mrs. Rockwell Marietta Will Give It to Poor Children Christmas.

Following her usual custom, Mrs. Rockwell Marietta will give out her annual Christmas treat to all poor children of the town Christmas morning at her home, No. 121 East Main street, between the house of 9 and 12 o'clock.

All persons desiring to see the large amount of candies, etc., after they have been arranged, can view them at the Marietta home on Tuesday.

NOT GUILTY.

Although Jury Convicted Coburn and He Was Sentenced to Three Years' Imprisonment.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 21.—An illustration of how justice sometimes miscarries is shown in the case of William Coburn, who was convicted of assaulting and robbing S. A. Davidson at the September term of court, was given this morning when a delinquent was entered in his case. He was sentenced to serve a term of three years in the penitentiary, but a new trial was recently granted him.

At the trial there was testimony that Coburn was at Shady Grove the night the assault occurred. Previous to the trial for assault on Davidson, Coburn had been convicted of assault and battery upon John W. Craig and received a six months' sentence in jail for this. He is serving this term now. Assistant District Attorney Henderson after the new trial was granted made an investigation of the case against Coburn for assaulting Davidson and learned that beyond a doubt he was at Shady Grove the night Davidson was assaulted. Thereupon a nolle prosequi was entered and when Coburn completed his six months' term he will be released and there will be no retrial of the case.

CHRISTMAS TREAT.

Annual Affair at the First Methodist Episcopal Church Tomorrow After Sunday School.

The annual Christmas treat of the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday school will be held tomorrow morning at the close of the Sunday school session beginning at 9:45 A. M. Those in charge of the treat desire to see all connected with the Sunday school and those who desire to become connected with the Sunday school, present at that time whether you have been regular in attendance or not.

The Sunday school will have charge of the evening services and will render what promises to be a delightful Christmas service, under the direction of Grant Myers, Sunday school chorister, and chairman of the general committee in charge. All friends of the Sunday school and the public are invited. No admission.

SPECIAL MUSIC.

Arranged for Services at the First Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday Morning.

A special musical program has been arranged for the services tomorrow morning at the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. A. J. Ash, pastor. The chorus is composed of 20 voices and is under the direction of Prof. A. B. Morton. The following is the program:

Cantata, voluntary, Miss Sadie McDuffett; anthem, "He Shall Reign," Hall; hymn, congregation; croon; prayer; pastor; anthem, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," Miles; choir; responsive reading; Gloria; offertory; trio, "Trust in the Lord," Handel-Jaeger; Mrs. Steelman, Mrs. Morton, Mr. Ash; Hymn, 111, congregation; sermon; anthem, "Song of the Magi," Miles; prayer; hymn, 110, congregation; benediction.

SENT ROUGH BOXES.

Car Load Ordered From Scottsdale for Darr Victims.

SCOTSDALE, Dec. 21.—(Special.) The United States Casket Company has an order for a car load of caskets and rough boxes to be sent to Jacobs Creek, and are shipping them out as rapidly as possible. They also supplied a car load for the Monongahela disaster.

Quite a good many Scottsdale people were at Jacobs Creek today and Friday. Among them were Burgess William Ferguson of Owens & Ferguson, the undertakers, and Joseph Luce of J. E. Murphy & Company. Leslie Thompson, a former Scottsdale boy, has bought an undertaking establishment at Smithton.

BUY CEMETERY LOT.

Pittsburg Coal Company Makes Purchase at Smithton to Inter Dead.

JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 21.—The Pittsburg Coal Company has purchased a plot of ground near Smithton in which to inter the miners killed in the explosion.

One reason given for the slow progress of the work is the fear of another explosion from damp or marsh gas. Portions of bodies are seen here and there by the rescuing parties as they explore the mine.

To Audit Accounts.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 21.—Attorney Joseph M. Ogilvie has been appointed to audit the books of the Register and Recorder and the Prothonotary.

Local and Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wilkes returned home Wednesday from Ferrysburg where they were called by the death of the latter's mother, Mrs. Harris.

William's writing paper is the paper of quality. J. C. Moore, druggist, Water street.

For your Xmas gift buy a nice 100-piece dinner set at Rhodes Department Store. \$15.50 to \$20.00.

A postal card has been received at this office from Frank Campbell of Doonville, who with his wife is spending the winter at Tampa, Fla. Mr. Campbell writes that they have plenty of sunshine there and the nights are cool. Mr. Campbell was formerly a County Detective and a resident of Connelville for many years.

The Misses Vero of Scottsdale were Connelville visitors yesterday.

Mrs. J. P. Scott of Dunbar was shopping in town yesterday.

Prices reduced on everything Friday and Saturday at Brown & Son's.

Mrs. H. F. Burkholder of Uniontown Hill was called to Mt. Pleasant this morning by the death of Mrs. J. L. McGiffin.

Hood has a new lot of framed water colors. Go in and see them. Prices range from \$3.75 to \$25.

Mrs. C. G. Pollock and 11 children, previous to the Xmas season, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hart of Greensburg.

Whitman's Chocolates, 50c, 60c and 80c the pound. J. C. Moore, Druggist, Water street.

Miss Eva Clester, a teacher in the Uniontown schools, was in town this morning on her way to Uniontown.

200 dozen holiday handkerchiefs at 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c at Rhodes Department Store. Beautiful designs, splendid values.

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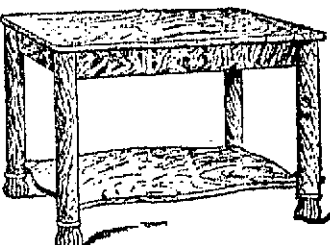
Buy Now
Pay
When You Can.



Parlor Stands
\$1.25

ANOTHER GOOD GIFT

A Parlor Stand would make someone feel happy on Christmas. Our line of these Parlor Stands is big and it contains many new styles in oak, mahogany and weathered oak. A good stand as low as \$1.25



Library Tables
\$5.00

A SPLENDID GIFT.

A Library Table selected from our display will make a very appropriate gift. We have them in golden oak, mahogany and weathered oak. Many different styles with prices running down as low as \$5.00.

You'll do better at
Featherman & Sumberg's

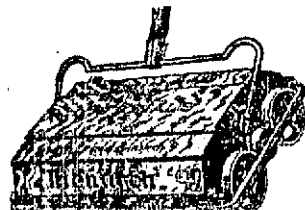
Your
Credit
Is Good.

The Present That Lasts, The One You Appreciate.

How many times in your life have you wished after Christmas had gone that you had spent your money for presents that would have been useful and lasting? Wouldn't it be much nicer if you spent your money for a useful piece of furniture? When you buy at this store you have a double advantage—the choice of a mammoth line of goods at extra low prices and the privilege of paying for the goods at your leisure. That means that your Christmas money will go a long ways this year.

National
Carpet Sweeper
\$2.25

What could you think of that would be more useful than a Carpet Sweeper. Just think how much time and hard work they save. Buy a Sweeper and you'll make somebody happy.



A GIFT THEY'LL APPRECIATE.
A Davenport

If you bought something real nice for your home wouldn't you feel lots happier after Christmas has come and gone. Why not decide on a Davenport from this store. We never had so many different styles to show you before.

Covered with best
Chase Leather..... \$27.50
French Velour or
Verona Cover..... \$32.50



A Book Case
TO ADORN THE PARLOR ON
CHRISTMAS.

Maybe you have been thinking about a Bookcase for a long time. If so, why not get it for a Christmas gift. We have both the regular cases and the sectional variety. Oak, mahogany or Mission finish.

FEATHERMAN & SUMBERG.

A Hard Times Discount of Ten Per Cent.

In order to clean up our Christmas Goods we will allow the above Discount on all.

PERFUMES AND TOILET WATERS	Hudnut's Spholators Rice-Neckers Colgate's
Writing Papers, Eton Hurlbut	Parker Lucky Curve, Guaranteed absolutely for one year.
FOUNTAIN PENS	Appelo and Criterion.
CANDIES	

GRAHAM & CO., Druggists,

Pittsburg & Apple Sts.,
CONNELLSVILLE, - - PENNA.

"YOU'VE MORE'N LIKELY NOTICED,
WHEN YOU DIDN'T WHEN YOU SHOULD,
THAT JES THE THING YOU DIDN'T DO,
WAS JES THE THING YOU SHOULD."

IF YOU JES KEEP PUT'EN OFF,
AND JES KEEP ON AWAITIN',
YOU'R GOEN TO MISS WHAT RILEY SAYS,
AND EVERY THING WILL BE TAKEN."

Fine Diamond Rings, \$15.00. Gold and Silver Cuff Buttons, \$1.00 up. Diamond Rings, \$5.00 up. Set and Single Rings. Bracelets, \$1.00 to \$125.00. Neck Chains and Lockets. Elegant and Nobby Suits. Pins, \$1.00 up.	Ladies' Brooch Pins, gold and gold filled. Ladies' Silver Toilet Sets, \$7.00 up. Gents' Toilet Sets, \$4.00 up. Puff Boxes, Talcum Boxes, Cloth and Hat Brushes. Whisk Brooms, Card Cases and Bags.
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If unable to get to our store a card will bring our new Catalogue

A. B. Kurtz, Jeweler
131 WEST MAIN STREET.

Now for Christmas

Our toys are now on display for your selection. Fresh imports from foreign lands bring the ingenuity of the whole world before you. We have the only full, complete line of mechanical toys in Connelville. We have new up-to-date toys that our competitors have never even heard of. We have a large running board erected, and our clerks will demonstrate the working of any toy in the line.

DOLLS, TOYS, ETC.

Dolls	1c to \$5.00
Children's Rocking Chairs	25c to \$1.00
Swinging Horses	\$1.00
Shoe Poles	40c to 90c
Rolling Cars, in all the new folding styles, never before.	\$1.00 to \$2.00
Teddy Bears	40c to \$3.50

60 Kinds of Mechanical Toys

See "Mind" the inside. Call for "Mrs. Katzenjamber and the Captain".

Mechanical Railway Trains, with track, \$5.00 to \$25.00

Moving Picture Machines, \$2.50 to \$5.00

Magic Lanterns, 25c to \$2.50

Toy Planes, 25c to \$5.00

Slide, 40c, 50c and 90c

Xmas tree decorations and ornaments of every description.

Thousands of toys of every kind. Come in and see them.

Blankets

Full 16-1 Cotton Blankets, in line of grey, with \$1.00 our price..... **69c**

Large 11-4 Grey Cotton Blankets, good heavy weight, pair..... **99c**

Novelty Stripe Cotton Blankets, full 12-4 size, blue and pink effects in brown, grey, pink and blue, worth \$2.50 a pair, our price..... **\$1.49**

Large 11-4 all wool Blankets, in black and white or red and black striped, the best blanket ever brought to Connelville for \$3.00, our price..... **\$3.99**

Good large size Comforts, well made and very durable, flowered goods..... **99c**

Fine Cotton Filled Comforts, covered with best flowered silk-aline, catonets worth \$1.50, our price..... **\$1.99**

Rubbers

Ladies' Rubbers, all sizes, 2 1/2 to 8, made of good quality rubber, pair..... **39c**

Men's Rubbers, best rubber stock, pair..... **55c**

Men's Snap Rubber Boots, best quality, pair..... **\$3.00**

A full stock of Men's Foot Boots, pair \$2.49 and..... **\$1.99**

Boys' and Youth's Foot Boots, at \$1.75..... **\$1.25**

Misses' Rubbers, also 11 1/2 to 2, pair, 35c

Children's Rubbers, also 6 to 11, pair..... **30c**

China Vases

10c each

Schmitz' NEW YORK RACKET STORE

Folding Doll Carts 49c each

The News of Nearby Towns.

DUNBAR.

Events of the Day in the Busy Furnace Town.

DUNBAR, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Ned Scott was in Connellsville Friday.

Mrs. John McCauley was the guest of friends and relatives in Uniontown Thursday.

W. S. Behrman of Connellsville was here Friday.

Mrs. George A. McCormick was the guest of friends in Connellsville on Thursday.

Thos. J. Vaughn was in Uniontown Friday.

Mrs. J. S. Stocker went to Connellsville Thursday.

James M. Durban was a Connellsville visitor Friday.

Mrs. Lillian Vernon was the guest of friends in Connellsville Friday.

Mrs. Michael Cunningham of Connellsville came up Friday and is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Harper of Franklin Road.

Clonohy Daily, clerk at the Central Hotel, was attending to some business matters in Connellsville Friday.

Charles Mahany was in Connellsville Friday.

Harry Duer, accompanied by his niece, Rosalind Scott and Earl Williams, were the guests of friends in Connellsville Thursday.

Ned Gaudis has been doing "jury work" at Uniontown for the past week and attending the teachers' institute in between times.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. William Wagonmaster Thursday afternoon.

A very interesting meeting was held and a full attendance was present at the close of the meeting a most delicious luncheon was served.

Miss Mrs. Wagonmaster, Mrs. David Williams, Mrs. W. W. Wagon and Mrs. Charles Napton.

Mrs. J. McGee was shopping in Connellsville Friday.

Mrs. James Cunningham of Connellsville was the guest of friends here Friday.

Mrs. Thos. Morrison and son were the guests of friends in Connellsville Friday.

Mrs. D. Wagon was the guest of friends in Connellsville Friday.

James M. Kelly, the lawyer, was in Connellsville Friday, transacting business.

Misses James and John Connell, who are students at St. Vincent College at Baitty, Pa., arrived home on Friday and will spend their Christmas vacation here.

The guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Connell of Speers Hill.

Miss Inez Bryson was the guest of friends in Connellsville Friday.

Anthony Gilmore, who is employed at McKees Rocks, spent Friday here, the guest of his family on Chestnutville street.

Miss Negley of Smithton is here the guest of friends.

Mrs. Mable Miller and son, Allen, were the guests of friends in Vanderburgh Thursday.

Thomas Renner of Morgantown is here, as the guest of his sister, Miss Sara, of Railroad street, and attending to some business matters.

Dunbar will be well represented in the United States standing large. Seven young men have enlisted and are being trained to serve their country, as follows: James Scott, Robert Aris, William Strand, John Hamilton, John Hiles, Harry Miller and James Wagonmaster.

All left for Pittsburgh Thursday to be assigned to their respective regiments.

Charles Wagon was a business caller in Connellsville on Friday.

Miss Alice Williams of Beaver Falls is here visiting Mrs. Harry Williams of Bryson Hill for a few days.

Mrs. Laura Palmer of Vanderburgh is here visiting her brother, John Everett, at the Furnace.

Miss Maud Palmer was shopping in Connellsville for a short time on Friday.

Miss Ida McDowell was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Dabolt, of New Haven, on Friday.

Mrs. L. E. Clark was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. East, of New Haven, on Friday.

Justices of the Peace R. B. McCauley and Vanderburgh were here Friday on business.

The parochial schools here of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church closed Friday for the holidays.

The Christmas services and treat of the St. John's Episcopal Church will be held in the church on Christmas evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited.

VANDERBURGH.

Personal Chat From Fayette County's New Borough.

VANDERBURGH, Dec. 21.—Services will be held tomorrow at 10 A. M. at the Christian church, Sunday school at 10 A. M., preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Charles Henderson at 1:30 P. M., Rev. J. L. Davis, pastor.

Presbyterian church, Sunday school at 10 A. M., preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. T. P. Kerr, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday school at 10 A. M., preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Thomas Chatterworth, pastor.

A large delegation left here yesterday morning for Jackson Creek where they went to see the effects of the terrible mine explosion which occurred there Thursday morning.

John Baughman of Manor was here yesterday visiting his sister, Mrs. F. F. Newmyer.

Stephens of Perryopolis was a business caller at this recently.

Miss Helen Vail, of McMillan was here Tuesday and attended the Sunday school convention.

On Tuesday evening, December 24, there will be a Christmas service in the Methodist Episcopal church. The program to be rendered is one of the best and the title of it will be "Bells of Heaven." It consists of songs, responsive readings, recitations and etc.

In addition there will be music furnished by a male quartet, solos and duets by Mr. and Mrs. James Charlesworth. Meeting will be in charge of the Sunday school superintendent, J. B. Henderson. The pastor, Rev. Thomas Charlesworth, will give a short address.

At the evangelistic services which is going on at this church, special music is being rendered each evening.

Wilford McLain, who is attending school at Ada, O., arrived home this evening and will spend his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Beale McLain of Franklin township.

Miss Marie Moore, who is attending school at Latrobe, is here and will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore during the holidays.

Mike Kerovich, a criminal, a disturbance Thursday evening was arrested and lodged in the borough lockup.

MEYERSDALE.

Local and Personal Mention from the Big Somerset County Town.

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 20.—Miss Ella Staub, one of the efficient teachers in the local public schools, left on 2:10 today for Pittsburgh, where she will spend the holiday vacation as the guest of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Margaret Hill, Miss Emma Thelst and Miss Rebekah Truist, who were attending the Women's College at Frederick, Md., arrived home on Nov. 15 this afternoon to spend the Christmas vacation with parents and friends in this place.

Stitching parties are all the rage at the present time. The several ivory bums being unable to meet the demands made upon them for alphas. The stitching party has been better here in years than it is at the present time.

Frank Rowe, Jr., who spent several days with friends at Frederick, Md., returned home this afternoon.

The following services will be held in Meyersdale houses of worship on Sunday:

First Street Brethren, Rev. W. D. Deachter, pastor, Sunday School, 9:30 A. M.; preaching at 10 A. M. in the morning and 7:30 P. M. in the afternoon. At the local church, in the evening the choir will render the cantata "The Shepherd's Song" instead of the usual sermon.

St. Philip and James Catholic, Rev. J. R. Looney, pastor, High Mass at 10:30 A. M.; children's mass at 9 A. M. Sunday School, 2:30 P. M. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30 P. M. On Christmas day, High Mass will be celebrated at 9 A. M. at which time a fine musical program will be rendered. Children's Mass, 9 A. M.; High Mass also at 11 A. M.

Methodist Episcopal, Rev. Paul Wagon, pastor, Morning worship at 11 A. M. Sunday School, 10 A. M. Church meeting, 2:30 P. M. Epworth League, 6:30 P. M. An excellent musical and literary program appropriate for Christmas will be rendered at 7 P. M. South Side Brethren, Bishop C. G. Link, pastor, Elder D. K. Clapper, assistant, preaching at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday School at 9 A. M. Christian Workers at 7 P. M. Regular Christmas exercises will be conducted by the Sunday School at 10 A. M. on Christmas day.

Amity Reformed, Rev. A. F. Truist, D. D., pastor, Preaching at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School, 10:30 A. M. Young People's Guild, 4:30 P. M. In the evening at 7:30 the pastor will preach a sermon in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. On Christmas evening at 7 P. M. a service entitled "Christmas Bells" will be rendered.

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MEYERSDALE.

Local and Personal Mention from the Big Somerset County Town.

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 20.—Miss Ella Staub, one of the efficient teachers in the local public schools, left on 2:10 today for Pittsburgh, where she will spend the holiday vacation as the guest of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Margaret Hill, Miss Emma Thelst and Miss Rebekah Truist, who were attending the Women's College at Frederick, Md., arrived home on Nov. 15 this afternoon to spend the Christmas vacation with parents and friends in this place.

Stitching parties are all the rage at the present time. The several ivory bums being unable to meet the demands made upon them for alphas. The stitching party has been better here in years than it is at the present time.

Frank Rowe, Jr., who spent several days with friends at Frederick, Md., returned home this afternoon.

The following services will be held in Meyersdale houses of worship on Sunday:

First Street Brethren, Rev. W. D. Deachter, pastor, Sunday School, 9:30 A. M.; preaching at 10 A. M. in the morning and 7:30 P. M. in the afternoon. At the local church, in the evening the choir will render the cantata "The Shepherd's Song" instead of the usual sermon.

St. Philip and James Catholic, Rev. J. R. Looney, pastor, High Mass at 10:30 A. M.; children's mass at 9 A. M. Sunday School, 2:30 P. M. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30 P. M. On Christmas day, High Mass will be celebrated at 9 A. M. at which time a fine musical program will be rendered. Children's Mass, 9 A. M.; High Mass also at 11 A. M.

Methodist Episcopal, Rev. Paul Wagon, pastor, Morning worship at 11 A. M. Sunday School, 10 A. M. Church meeting, 2:30 P. M. Epworth League, 6:30 P. M. An excellent musical and literary program appropriate for Christmas will be rendered at 7 P. M. South Side Brethren, Bishop C. G. Link, pastor, Elder D. K. Clapper, assistant, preaching at 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sunday School at 9 A. M. Christian Workers at 7 P. M. Regular Christmas exercises will be conducted by the Sunday School at 10 A. M. on Christmas day.

Amity Reformed, Rev. A. F. Truist, D. D., pastor, Preaching at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School, 10:30 A. M. Young People's Guild, 4:30 P. M. In the evening at 7:30 the pastor will preach a sermon in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. On Christmas evening at 7 P. M. a service entitled "Christmas Bells" will be rendered.

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THE BLACK HAND

The assassination on the public highway in broad daylight of the driver of a McIntown brewery wagon who had collected at a day's time a lot of money, \$500, contribution to the Black Hand Society, in a place, pretty strongly, that brigandage has made a appearance in Fayette county.

The trade is an ancient and dishonorable one. It has flourished in all ages and in all climes, but it has never without the advances of civilization and good government. This Black Hand Society, however, is a new thing, from foreign shores. It is one way of making a living without work, but it is not a species of industry that is tolerated in this country where it is our boast that the law protects the humblest citizen in his life, liberty and property.

It is the duty of the officers of the law to hunt down this band of marauders at any cost of violence, of danger, of time, or money. Their presence in this community will remain as a blot upon our reputation until they are discovered, disband and utterly routed as they have been in Lawrence county.

A BELLIGERENT BOMBASTIC BLUFFER.

The Uniontown Herald, "advises in another half-column of its choice bling-bling in an effort to divert public attention from its circulation claims." It is a lie about our own circulation, and says:

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stances, to become a candidate for any important office. That honor is reserved for the rich who can afford to spend their money with a lavish hand. We are approaching, it was here not already arrived there, at the condition which existed in Greene county until recently and whose climax was reached in the failure of its oldest and best banking institution. Everybody during the last judicial campaign there, and everybody had a price for the service.

The epidemic of public corruption has spread to us. During the recent primary and election campaign, many well-to-do citizens openly demanded to be paid for their votes, and some of them either refused to vote at all or voted against their ticket for this reason alone.

Wholesale corruption like this is demoralizing. It should be stopped at any cost, and perhaps the plan proposed would be a good one. It is at least worth a trial.

We have it on the authority of a Uniontown newspaper that every teacher was "paid" at the close of the institute, but it seems that it was not the thought of parting with each other, and not of parting with the town, that caused all the sorrow. Uniontown may have a few more, but it seems that we have got over the notion that it is the only town in Fayette county. Even the people who reside in the fall there have a longing to get out. Only yesterday, one of their number signalled his departure for another paternal punishment by singing, "Home, Sweet Home!"

The Uniontown Herald is the Quib-

The Westmoreland County Commissioners are accused of "fussing" valuations and the School Directors' Association has undertaken to prove it. As a Board of Tax Revision, the Commissioners have been given the right to appeal to the court, it is true, but under the law which requires assessments to be made at full cash value, such an appeal is necessarily fruitless. Assessments must necessarily continue to be inequitable unless the law is changed to conform to the universal custom which makes assessments on the basis of anywhere between 50 and 75 per cent of actual value.

Some editors are large only in their own conceit.

Useful help is welcome at the Darr mine, but useless spectators need not be a hindrance, and had better stay away.

The steel rail specification have been agreed upon and steel rail orders will come soon. With them will come further activity in the steel and iron and coke trades. The future is not dark with despair; on the contrary, it is bright with hope.

Mac Foreman Campbell read his fate only too clearly.

Candidates against Congressman Asheson are multiplying. The more of them there are the better he will like it.

"Whacking the Connellsville Courier with the Big Stick is a matter of so much ease that it is a shame to take the credit," says the Uniontown Herald. None of its contemporaries are hankering to take the credit. When a man gets stuck in the mire of his own silly conceit, nobody envies him his position.

Turkeys are more plentiful this year, perhaps because demand is not so overwhelming.

That Luzerne township oil well is keeping weather to be an oil or a gas strike. As long as it does not determine to become a dry hole, its owners will probably be satisfied.

Coroner Bell has divided up his duties with seven deputies stationed in different parts of the county, so that prompt action may always be taken in the matter of inquests. Coroner Bell puts the public welfare before his private interests.

The Darr disaster has decimated some of the churches.

Disseminators of cocaine get Work House sentences in Fayette county. This branch of the "coke" business is not encouraged by the courts.

The Darr disaster discovers a new and valuable use for the State Constabulary.

"While there is life there is hope," and while there was hope of life the gallant rescuers at Darr did not cease their efforts to penetrate the wrecked mine.

The Uniontown Herald man intimates that we are afraid to punch his face. Not afraid, but ashamed. Away, Slight Man!

Lancaster county wants the United States Senator and the Speaker of the Assembly. There's nothing backward about the Dutch.

Fourteen years in the Pen is a dear price to pay for the reckless use of the ready revolver, but it is not more than was coming to the man who took a fellow man's life.

Board billjumpers usually get a little two-hour in the county jail. The punishment would better fit the crime if the boarder was obliged to work out his debt on the public streets or roads.

The Town Council is getting busy. It's an excellent habit.

The borough payroll force got their Christmas money. The special Council meeting was worthy of the special occasion.

The Dunbar man who returned to his relatives after an absence of forty years, during which time no word was received from him, perhaps hadn't any time for postal cards.

The School Board is reaching its financial limit. Economy must be its watchword in the future.

The Westmoreland teachers demand more wages. It looks as if the Connellsville teachers would have to be satisfied for the present.

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Used for That Purpose Were Trans-
ferred.

A special meeting of the School Board was held last night to talk over the financial situation. Directors Shupe, Holt, O'Connor, Harigan and Schenck were present. Discussion over the issuance of \$18,000 in bonds was taken up, and, after referring to the legal indebtedness that the board would be allowed to contract, it was found that this amount of bonds would be in excess of that allowed under the law on a two per cent valuation. It was stated that the assessed valuation was \$3,665,385, and two per cent of this would net \$73,307.70. This, according to the advice of the board's attorney, was the maximum indebtedness that the board would be allowed to assume.

It developed that there are outstanding \$8,500 in old bonds for the High School building, \$50,000 for the South Side building and the additional proposed \$18,000 in bonds to be issued. This indebtedness would make a total of \$76,500, over \$3,000 in excess of the legal limit. There should be in the sinking fund \$4,761.71 to pay off school bonds payable on December 1. There are four of these bonds for \$1,000 each, but it developed last night that there was only \$2,279.67 credited to the South Side bond fund. At the meeting last night the fund was discussed at some length, and an investigation will be made. It is believed that in some manner the monies from this fund have been paid out by the board, and it will be necessary to examine the record to learn if the board made a loan from the sinking fund. To take care of the bonds a percentage is levied upon the fund received by the board sufficient to redeem a certain number of bonds annually and also to pay the interest. The meeting finally resulted in a resolution to issue bonds to the extent of \$14,000, provided the board was able to take up the South Side bonds without infringing upon the bond issue. Another meeting will be held after the financial tangle is straightened out and definite action will be taken upon the issuance of bonds.

TAX JUGGLING.

Westmoreland School Directors Ap-
propriate Fund for Investigating
Actions of Commissioners.

GREENSBURG, Dec. 21.—(Special) After four hours discussion yesterday the School Directors' Association in session here stood 54 to 8 in favor of adopting a report, charging the County Commissioners with juggling taxation. The Association decided to bring suit against the Commissioners. The Directors' Committee of Investigation was composed of David H. Rankin, John I. Kennedy and O. I. Host.

Although \$1,000 has been appropriated, it is not definitely announced when the suit will be brought. County Commissioners David W. Shupe, W. O. Reamer and Benjamin C. Shaf-fer made the following reply by letter to the Directors' report:

"It is with some amusement that we noticed your proposition to prosecute the Commissioners. A motion of thanks would be more in order, for you will live to see other boards lay down to political influences, which we have faithfully resisted."

The County Commissioners, it is said, voluntarily raised the county's taxation from \$73,000,000 to \$137,000,000 in the last year.

CRAZED BY CALAMITY.

Suterville Man Who Had Relatives in
Darr Mine, Succeeded by Jump-
ing in River.

Special to The Courier.
STAR JUNCTION, Dec. 21.—Crazed by grief over the loss of relatives who were entombed in the Darr mine Conrad Schuh, an American, of Suterville, committed suicide Thursday night. In his bare feet Schuh walked down to the river bank and plunged into the icy stream. His body was found yesterday morning about 120 yards below the point where he jumped in. Schuh was about 45 years of age and leaves a wife and four children.

FIFTY-EIGHT TOMORROW.

Thomas Higginson, Noted Writer, Is
Still Active, But Aging.
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 21.—(Special).—Thomas Wentworth Higginson, the noted writer and scholar, will enter upon his 58th year tomorrow. The anniversary was anticipated by the receipt of numerous letters and messages of congratulation at the Higginson home in this city.

Col. Higginson, beginning to feel the weight of his years, though his interest in questions of the day and particularly those relating to social and political reform, is as keen as ever.

A PIPE DREAM.

Story of Many Miners Working Under
One Check Denied by an Offi-
cial of Company.

Special to The Courier.
JACOBS CREEK, Dec. 21.—Captain John L. Gans, formerly of Connel-ville, and engineer in charge of the coke department of the Pittsburgh Coal Company along the Monongahela river, in a statement this morning de- nounced the report printed in a Pittsburgh evening paper to the effect that many miners, sometimes five and six, made a practise of working under one check. According to this story, the checks would afford little or no means of estimating the number of men em- ployed.

"I do not think that this report is correct," said Captain Gans, "and I am sure that I have never heard of such a procedure. If miners made a practise of doing this for the purpose of evading assessments, or other mat- ters, the company would soon find them out. I think this is a mistaken conjecture."

DRAW BENEFITS.

All Miners Participate in the Relief
Department of the Pittsburgh
Coal Company.

Special to The Courier.
STAR JUNCTION, Dec. 21.—It is not believed that the physical suffer- ings of the bereaved families here will be great. Every intemperate miner participated in the Relief Department of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, which is conducted along the lines similar to that of the Baltimore & Ohio rail- road.

Benefits are paid the families of dis- eased members, whether they meet with violent or natural death. The miners pay monthly assessments and the company contributes its share to- wards the fund.

ASK AN AUDIT.

Likins and Others File Petition and
Date Set is January 8.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 21.—The peti- tion of W. M. Likins and other Prohi- bitionists, asking that an audit be made of the expense accounts of the Republican Committee of Fayette county in the recent campaign was presented here yesterday.

Judge Umhel ordered it filed and set January 7 as the time for the au- dit, which will be made by the court or by a Judge who may fill the bench on such matters.

Likins and the other petitioners claim they "are informed, believe and expect to prove" that disbursements other than those listed were made, and those for purposes contrary to law.

Judge Umhel followed provisions in the Act of Assembly, which requires that upon the petition of five voters the audit be made.

WANT MORE MONEY.

Westmoreland Teachers Say Present
Pay is Inadequate.

GREENSBURG, Dec. 21.—(Special) At the closing session yesterday of the Westmoreland County Teachers' Institute, resolutions were adopted, de- manding the present salaries are in- adequate to paying expenses, recom- mending that no teacher be required to instruct classes of more than 35 members, and urging that teachers be paid their regular salaries for at- tendance at Institute.

At a meeting of the Directors' As- sociation, delegates to the State Con- vention were elected.

Gez Lux's Funeral.

The funeral of the late Gez Lux will take place from the Slavish Luth- eran church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. M. Tomaschka will officiate.

Married by Magistrate.

Hugh McGee and Lulu O. Nedrow, both of Dunbar township, were mar- ried yesterday by Justice Frank Mil- ler.

CONFLUENCE.

Interesting Items From Somerset
County's Hustling Town.

CONFLUENCE, Dec. 20.—Prof. Lan- dis, principal of our schools, left Fri- day afternoon for his home in Berlin, where he will spend a week's vacation.

Mrs. C. Marquart and daughter Laura took a sleigh ride to Harnedsville Fri- day afternoon.

The condition of Mrs. Catherine Bird remains about the same.

Miss Belle Trenchard left Friday night for Mt. Vernon, N. Y., where she will spend two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Kennedy.

John Hanna was a business caller in town Friday.

W. D. Gilchrist will open the skating rink and roller-skating rink Christmas. Leo Sellers will be manager.

The school children were given a treat Friday, each one receiving a nice box of candy.

Miss Hazel Trenchard is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Lowry, of Somerset.

James Scott and wife were down from Ursula Friday.

Mrs. Hulda Mountain is very much improved.

Confluence presented a beautiful pic- ture Friday morning with every tree and branch heavily laden with frost. The view toward looked like a veritable lace curtain and with the sun shining on them it presented a beautiful sight. Mrs. Carter was up from Pittsburg a couple of days this week.

Try our classified advertisements.

IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Odd Chairs
\$4 to \$75

Morris Chairs
\$5 to \$50

Piano Benches
\$9 to \$25

Sideboards
\$12 to \$150

Tables
\$5 to \$125

Leather Chairs
\$3 to \$15

China Closets
\$12 to \$150

Mission Rocker
6.50 to \$40

Leather Couches
\$28 to \$125.

Pedestals
\$4 to \$15

Brass Beds
\$22 to \$125

Dressers
\$7.50 to 300

Rockers
\$2 to \$50

Music Cabinet
\$6 to \$75

AARON'S

CHRISTMAS shopping is simplified by a stroll through this great establishment. It will give you a thousand good ideas on "what to give him or her."

REMEMBER that the more lasting your gift, the more it will remind the recipient of the giver. Avoid useless trifles and give something worth while.

EVERY price in our store is marked in plain figures and that is the price everyone pays. We have no "sliding" scale here—nothing but square dealing.

DELIVERY will be made whenever you say so—now or the day before Christmas. And depend on it, there will be no mistakes on our part. Just tell us "when."

IMMEDIATE selection is extremely advisable, because our assortments are complete and there is no possibility that you can't find what you want now.

TAKE your time about paying us. Your credit's as good as gold, as good as our merchandise—and that means the very best in all the wide world!

MAGIC LAND

S. HANTMAN, Manager.

Christmas Week

SPECIAL Greatest Show! EXTRA

IVY & IVY Positively the Greatest Musical Comedians that ever appeared here.
Full of Fun. Every minute a laugh.

The Great Zento,
HANDCUFF KING and JAIL BRAKER, assisted by MYRTLE ZENTO in her great feats of rope tie- ing. Detectives, Police and Constables are especially invited to place their handcuffs on Zento and he will show them how easy he will take them off.

Miss PEARL DAVENPORT Special for this week, in a beautiful Hungarian romance from "HIS HONOR THE MAYOR."

Latest Moving Pictures.

SPECIAL! EXTRA! SPECIAL!

Besides the above features the management will present to the patrons the Great Passion Play, "The Life of Christ," as follows:
MONDAY and TUESDAY, December 23rd and 24th, will be shown; Birth, Childhood and Passion
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, December 25th and 26th; Miracles and Crucifixion
FRIDAY, December 27th; Death and Resurrection.

ALL THE ABOVE PROGRAM—ADMISSION 10 CENTS.

For the benefit of the public we will show every day from 9:00 A. M. till 2:00 P. M., and from 5:00 till 7:00 P. M.

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HOME AGAIN.

Message of Peace
from Countries Which
He Visited.

PLEASED WITH THE PHILIPPINES

Talks Cheerfully About His Trip
Around the World, But Has Nothing
to Say in a Political Way.
Will Get Right Down to Work.

New York, Dec. 21.—William H. Taft, secretary of war, has returned from his trip around the world, bringing renewed assurance of Japan's friendship toward the United States, and declining to say anything with respect to the political situation in this country. He said that he had been too long out of intimate touch with political affairs at home to discuss them in any way. One of Mr. Taft's interviewers had the temerity to ask: "Well, Mr. Secretary, tell me who is your choice for president?"

And general laughter, in which he heartily joined, the secretary replied: "If I were I, I will have to leave that to inference."

Mr. Taft left for Washington on an early train, saying that accumulated matters in the war department would keep his nose to the official grindstone for some time to come and that the preparation of his special report on the Philippines, which will be in book form, would also require much of his time in the near future.

No War with Japan.

"It is the height of foolishness to talk of possible war with Japan," declared the secretary. "Japan doesn't desire war with us and we certainly don't desire war with Japan. If there was any war spirit anywhere in Japan, I failed to find the slightest note of it. Everywhere there was talk of continued peace. I speak very confidently about this. Our trade relations with Japan are extensive and constantly growing. Japan's exports amounted annually to about \$300,000,000 of which we take about one-third. The exports consist largely of raw materials, such as cotton, silk, wool, and other fancy work, in the production of which many people are interested. We in turn ship vast quantities of food, oil and such commodities to Japan. This sort of trade is a great pacifier."

What about the Pacific fleet?

The sailing must have been a magnificent sight. We have fine ships and a fine personnel, and so long as the Pacific ocean belongs to us as much as anybody else's, I need not reason why we should send our ships there on a practice cruise. The Japanese are too intelligent, and highly skilled to attribute any false motive to the movement."

My trip had as its only definite object a report on conditions in the Philippines. My visit to Japan was only incidental. Traveling by commercial steamer, we had to stop there and it was only courtesy for me to pay my respects to the emperor. The trip through Russia was made partly to save time and partly because I had crossed the Pacific six times and was rather anxious to see the new territory.

Talked with Bomb Target.

At Moscow I had the rather novel experience of dining one evening with an official who next day was made the target of a bomb. This was Governor General Goussakov. The ride through Siberia was most comfortable and gave one a very different idea of that country from what it is generally conceived to be. Especially is this true as to agriculture, minerals and population. Western Siberia probably will undergo the same process of development as our own middle west, and I believe that in time it will be the center of population of the Russian empire."

I was much pleased with conditions in the Philippines. They are much better than I had hoped for. The third proceedings of the first Philippine assembly and its tendency to conservatism, despite the supposed radical majority, was most gratifying.

In China the American residents were anxious for reassurance as to America's intention toward maintaining her "open door" policy. At the banquet in Shanghai I endeavored to give this assurance."

EDITOR SHORT ARRESTED

Violated Law Which Requires Printing of Papers' Owners.

Cleveland, Pa., Dec. 21.—John F. Short, editor of the Clearfield Republican, the oldest Democratic newspaper in this part of the state, was arrested on a warrant charging violation of the act of May 2, 1907, requiring newspapers to print the names of owners and editors in every issue.

The warrant was sworn out before a District Justice of the peace by State Game Warden Hummelbaugh, who is a resident of Clearfield and a close friend of former State Treasurer Frank G. Harris, who also lives here.

Editor Short gave \$500 bail before a local justice for his appearance at the Federal court at Clearfield.

Seven years ago Short and several others contemplated the organization of a stock company, pending that organization the trade name, "Clearfield Republican Publishing company," was used. The organization was not completed.

Since 1902 Short has been in complete control of the property and the only owner. He did not change the trade name and has been using it ever since, with his name alongside as editor.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Summary of Business Conditions Reported by Correspondents.
New York, Dec. 21.—R. C. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says today:

"Holidays aside, assumed normal proportions this week, partially regaining earlier losses in comparison with previous years and in staple lines there was a better movement in response to more seasonable weather. Although actual business did not increase in the leading industries, there was a more confident sentiment regarding the future, numerous inquiries encouraging manufacturers to anticipate a steady improvement in orders early in 1908. While several plants resumed, others were added to the idle list, and the change was small. The best news of the week was the official report of foreign commerce in November that far surpassed any previous monthly record of exports and supplied a favorable international trade balance of \$38,655,761. This should make it possible to yield much of the net imports of gold."

"Sentiment is more hopeful of leading centers of the iron and steel industry, increased activity being generally anticipated after the holidays. No further curtailment of output has occurred, reduction already made proving sufficient to prevent accumulation, and a few plants were beginning in quotations except that pig iron in Birmingham has sold at less than \$15."

"Plants sell more freely and new permits for buildings promise a good demand for structural shapes. Plants are resuming that were closed, and less delay in securing payment is causing more readiness to accept specifications. At some points it is difficult to find any improvement as yet, conservatism deferring all action until after the end of the year, and advantage is taken of the opportunity for repairs and inventories."

PREPARING FOR A STRIKE

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company Expects Their Men to Quit.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The first step in anticipation of a strike of the trolley men and conductors on the street car lines of this city was taken by the Rapid Transit company when an order was placed for several hundred coats to be delivered immediately at car barns in various sections of the city.

The lounging rooms of the division headquarters will be transformed into sleeping apartments and a reserve squad of car men, it is said, will be kept at each depot until all strikes talk among the employees subsides.

One official of the company said: "It is true we are preparing to meet any emergency that may arise. While we feel almost certain that a majority of our employees are against a strike and are personally contented with conditions as they exist, we cannot afford to take any chances."

A special meeting of conductors and trolley men affiliated with the union of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees will be held tonight. The result of the call of the committee on John B. Parsons, president of the Rapid Transit company, last Wednesday, when Mr. Parsons declined to confer with them as representatives of the union, will be discussed. While the labor leaders will not admit it, it is said that the question of calling a strike to enforce their demands for higher wages and an adjustment of hours will be submitted to a vote.

COLLUSION IS ALLEGED

Between Crews of Wrecked Trains to Throw Blame on Operator.

Washington, Dec. 21.—That there was collusion between the crews of the two trains wrecked at Fort Cota, D. C., last December, with attendant loss of more than two score of lives for the purpose of giving testimony to throw the blame for the calamity upon the telegraph operator at Silver Spring, was charged by Assistant District Attorney Given and Federal grand jurors during the trial of Engineer Hildebrand and others before Justice Stafford in criminal court.

The assistant district attorneys went on the witness stand and declared that Engineer Vermillion, who was in charge of the wrecked Frederick local, had admitted to them that the crews of both trains agreed to testify that there was a double green signal at Silver Spring in order to throw the blame on the operator at Fort Cota, who testified that each train received a white light.

MITCHELL NEAR DEATH

Miners' Leader, Suddenly Stricken, Is in Critical Condition.

Indianapolis, Dec. 21.—John Mitchell has been suddenly stricken. A physician and priest were hurriedly sent for, as it is thought he was dying.

Effort was made to keep secret the condition of the miners' leader. He was taken to his room in the Claypool hotel and Dr. Hedges was sent for. Mr. Mitchell is not a Catholic, but his wife and members of his family are and he had told Vice President Lewis and Secretary Wilson that if he ever became suddenly ill a priest should be sent for, so he could be buried with the rest of his family. Dr. Hedges made this statement:

"Mr. Mitchell's condition is serious, but not necessarily critical. I will not discuss the nature of the attack nor can I say that it is due to apoplexy in his side, for which he was recently operated upon."

Dr. Hedges added that the miners' leader was resting easily.

Prayed on Way to Scaffold.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 21.—Edward Clifford, age twenty-five, was hanged for the murder of his father a year ago. Clifford walked to the scaffold with a firm step, praying as he went.

SOLDIERS RECALLED.

President Roosevelt Decides
They Are Not Needed at
Goldfield, Nevada.

SO NOTIFIES GOVERNOR SPARKS

Chief Executive Informs That State Government Ought to Be Able to Maintain Some semblance of Government in the Disturbed Region.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt has ordered the withdrawal of the federal troops from Goldfield.

Telegram on which the decision to withdraw the troops is based were given out at the White House. The first, under date of December 17, directed to Governor Sparks of Nevada and signed by the president, reads:

"I sent the troops at your request because, from the tenor of your telegrams and from the representations made me by the two senators from Nevada and the member of the lower house of congress from Nevada, it appeared that an insurrection was imminent against which the state authorities would be powerless. The troops have now been in Goldfield ten days and no insurrection has occurred and seemingly no circumstances exist to justify your now calling on me for action by the troops under the provision of the constitution. The troops were sent to Goldfield to be ready to meet a grave emergency which seemed likely at once to arise and not to provide a substitute for the exercise by the state of its police functions. I do not feel at liberty to leave them indefinitely under such circumstances that they will in effect be performing on the part of the United States those ordinary duties of maintaining public order in the state of Nevada which rest upon the state government. As the legislature of Nevada has not been convened, I am bound to assume that the powers already vested in the peace officers of the state are adequate and that if they choose to do so they can maintain order themselves. Under these circumstances, unless there be forthwith further cause shown to justify keeping the troops at Goldfield, I shall direct that they shall return to their former stations."

"Theodore Roosevelt."

Sends Telegram to Sparks.

The following telegram was sent to Governor Sparks by the president: "I have received no answer from you to my telegram of December 17, in which I said that unless there was forthwith further cause shown to justify keeping the troops at Goldfield I should direct their return to their former stations. I am informed by the direct representation of the department of commerce and labor who are in Goldfield by my order that you have stated to them in writing that you will not convene the legislature to consider call for troops nor take the necessary steps to form a safe military force. Their report is that unless there is no disturbance threatened which the government of Nevada ought not to be able to control it starts to work with a serious purpose to do so, but that no effort is being made by the government of Nevada to take the steps necessary in the matter. I stand ready to see that the national government does its full constitutional duty in the matter of preserving order, but this readiness on the part of the national government does not excuse the state government for failure to perform its full duty in the first place. Federal aid should not be sought for by the state as a method of relieving itself from the performance of this duty, and the state should not be permitted to substitute the government of the United States for the government of the state in the ordinary duties of maintaining order within the state. For this reason given in this and my former telegram I have accordingly directed the troops to return to their former station on Monday, Dec. 30 next."

"Theodore Roosevelt."

Miners' Union Opposed.

President Roosevelt's order removing the federal troops from Goldfield on December 30 drew considerable opposition among mineowners and the residents of Goldfield. Conference were held by Captain Cox, the representative of Governor Sparks in Goldfield, Colonel Reynolds, commanding the federal troops, and between the mineowners and members of President Roosevelt's commission.

President McKinney and other officers of the miners' union said that the possibility of disorder or violence of any sort would be no greater after the removal of the troops than now and that they would use every endeavor to maintain peace.

Land a Coal Passer.

On Board U. S. S. Connecticut (by wireless telegram to Fire Island Naval Station, N. Y.), Dec. 21.—The Illinois left the fleet last evening in order to land C. H. Montgomery, a coal passer, at Culebra. She will rejoin the fleet today. Montgomery is suffering from pleurisy pneumonia. Culebra is a small island twenty miles east of Porto Rico, where naval vessels often anchor when cruising in that vicinity. There is a colony of about 1,000 persons on Culebra.

Mike Is Dead.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 21.—Mike, the largest African elephant in America, died in the circus winter quarters here. There are few African large-eared elephants in America and Mike was the largest, measuring ten feet four inches in height and weighing six tons.

TRI-STATE NEWS.

Events of the Day in Brief from Pennsylvania, Ohio and W. Va.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt has signed a proclamation creating the Arkansas national forest in the west central part of Arkansas, covering more than 1,000,000 acres. It will be the farthest east of any of the government's forests.

Findlay, O., Dec. 21.—In announcing his decision the circuit court stated that its finding in the case of the State vs. the Manhattan Oil company would be given either at Marion or Upper Sandusky at the regular term of court.

Dayton, O., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Leah Gilman, mother of Dona Gilman, victim of a sensational murder a year ago, is dead at her home here. Mrs. Gilman was twice charged with the murder of her daughter but was exonerated by the grand jury.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 21.—Tony Riccardo and Tony Casabella, two boys, were run down and killed by a Lehigh Valley express train on a crossing near Plainsville. The boys were in a buxom's wagon. The train was late and was traveling at a high rate of speed.

Springfield, O., Dec. 21.—Willie D. J. Blackman, a rural mail carrier, stamping his feet, trying to put on his overcoat, slipped and fell from the top of the stove. The pot fell into the lap of his four and a half year old child, fearfully scalding the little one.

Columbus, O., Dec. 21.—A mob of armed men, including mounted policemen, is after a negro who attacked Mrs. W. B. C. Hershey, wife of the president of the Excelator company. He grabbed her while she was in the cellar and started a riot in her month. She was found unconscious.

Marion, O., Dec. 21.—After walking from Upper Sandusky through the snow, a distance of eighteen miles, twelve-year-old Frank Stokley was rescued from a saloon here by the police. He said he ran away from home because his stepfather beat him when he did not practice for hours on the piano.

Steubenville, O., Dec. 21.—Penobscot, a mining town of forty Thunka families, across the river on the Washburn railroad, two weeks ago, is now entirely deserted by the Hungarians, due to the epidemic of scarlet fever, from which there were sixteen deaths. The frightened families moved out daily and now the mines are closed.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 21.—Hugh M. North, senior member of the Lancaster county bar, having been in active practice for 55 years, died at his home in Columbia. He was eighty-one years of age. For forty years he was counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad company and was also counsel for the Reading railway company for several years.

Greenville, Pa., Dec. 21.—Charles Summers, charged with attempted assault on Mrs. McCrumb of Jackson, was discharged by Judge Cochran. Mrs. McCrumb refused to prosecute the case from the fact that she thought she might have been mistaken in the intention of Summers and because, she says, he was under the influence of liquor.

Canton, O., Dec. 21.—Piloted by Frank S. Lahn, father of Lieutenant Frank H. Lahn, who won the Paris race a year ago, the balloon Ohio, which ascended here has descended eight miles north of New Castle, Pa. Pilot Lahn telegraphed that the voyage was pleasant and the descent safe. He was accompanied by Gordon Mathor and Joseph Blake.

Lebanon, O., Dec. 21.—Attorneys Leamon and Gaylor, counsel for William H. Miller, who was found guilty of manslaughter in the killing of Joseph Little, filed a motion for a new trial. In their petition they declare that an unjust verdict was brought for nine reasons, among which was "the unfairness of the court throughout the entire proceedings."

Youngstown, O., Dec. 21.—Joseph George, age thirty, an Arab, who arrived here two weeks ago, was found by his mother with two bullet wounds in his head dead. She declared that it was suicide. Two other shots were heard but they cannot be accounted for. The police have a story that he shot twice at a girl before he killed himself, but as yet they have found no trace of her.

Butler, Pa., Dec. 21.—Fearing he would do violence to himself if compelled to pass the night in jail, officers in charge of John Lujbeck of Johnstown, charged with embezzling money belonging to depositors of his Ladora bank, permitted him to remain at a hotel under guard. Lujbeck settled some claims in checks that went to protest and creditors now demand cash or the jail for Lujbeck.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 21.—A man thought by the police to be the Lowellville suicide, who two weeks ago threatened to blow himself to death, with the greater portion of Girard, with fifty pounds of dynamite, is home here with 200 pounds of the explosive and 50 pounds of dynamite percussion caps. Every policeman on duty is under orders to seek out the man to the city and the lives of its inhabitants. The charges are sufficient to wreck the city.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The Reading railway has decided not to issue its customary clerical orders for 1908 until the supreme court has handed down its decision on the constitutionality of the 2-cent rate law. The Pennsylvania also will likely adopt the same course. This means that if the decision is not handed down before the end of the year hundreds of ministers of all denominations who have long enjoyed the privilege of obtaining their tickets for half price will have to pay full fare for a short time at least.

Thousands have come
and thousands will come
to do their Christmas shopping

AT

MACE & CO.,
The BIG STORE.

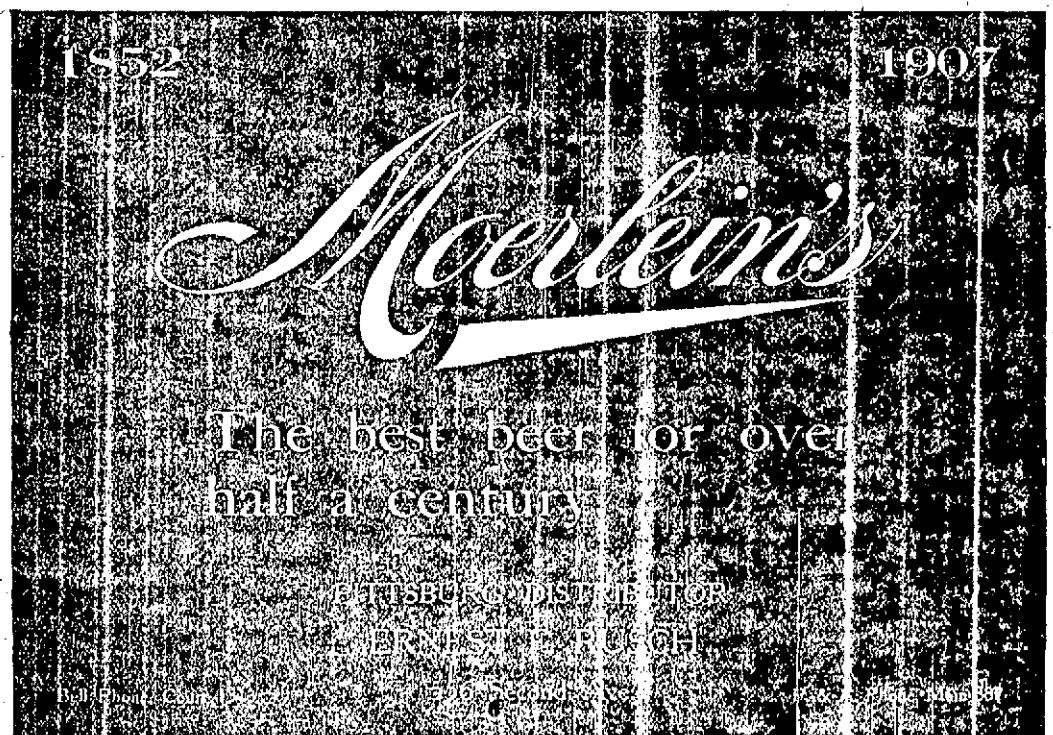
Everybody is satisfied beyond expectations by the magnitude and magnificence of our display of hundreds of useful and needful articles for Christmas gift making. And the crowds that throng our building from morning until night shows the appreciation of our earnest efforts in making Christmas shopping an extreme pleasure as well as a saving of dollars to all alike.

Our unlimited buying powers coupled with our years of experience and extensive selling capacity has placed us as the peer of retail merchants of our line in Fayette Co.

Our Latest Venture Christmas Sale

Has proven such a phenomenal success and has been so widely appreciated we have decided to continue the same low prices for Monday and Tuesday shoppers.

MACE & CO., The Big Store.



A SCENE FROM "THE GINGERBREAD MAN" AT THE NEW BOISSON THEATRE THIS EVENING.

Last Days of Holiday Selling to be a Fitting Climax of a Remarkable Season

The Sales Now in Progress.

Men's Suits and Overcoats
Women's Suits and Coats
Children's Coats
Women's Waists
Millinery
All these lines are being sold at greatly reduced prices.

Open Evenings Until Christmas.

We would suggest that you take all small parcels with you when it is convenient as the delivery service is taxed to its utmost.



Last days of Christmas shopping are always attended by many unpleasant occurrences, lack of attention, disappointment in not securing just what you want to buy and then the hustling, jostling crowds of eager buyers are none too gentle, either. We have especially instructed our sales force to give every attention possible to shoppers and as we told you months ago, we've never been so fully prepared to fill every Christmas need as we are this season. Our stores are crowded to their capacity now, but store machinery is running mighty smooth and we can promise you reasonable attention and prompt delivery. Tables are refilled as fast as they're emptied and our big stores will present ample assortments to the very last minute. Do your shopping today for the last hours of Christmas shopping are most unsatisfactory.

ODDS AND ENDS OF XMAS TOYS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES, The Few Remaining Pieces of Our Best Sellers Now Priced for Quick Clearance.



Our Men's Store is Attracting Hundreds of Holiday Shoppers

The thoroughness of our preparation is evidenced by the way we are filling the last minute needs of the hundreds of shoppers that throng the aisles devoted to the display of things for men. This department offers all of the staple articles that men need in ample selection as well as many unique and handsome articles entirely out of the ordinary and dear to the heart of men who appreciate luxury and beauty. A few suggestive items:

Pipe Racks 50c to \$8.50	Shirts 50c to \$2.00
Tobacco Jars 50c to \$3.50	Mufflers 50c to \$5.00
Shaving Mirrors 50c to \$6.50	Suspenders (in boxes) 50c to \$2.50
Triple Mirrors \$3.50 to \$10.00	Clothing and overcoats at cut prices.
Military Brushes \$4.00 to \$6.50	Sweaters 50c to \$5.00
Collar Traveling Cases 50c to \$2.00	Fancy Vests \$1.50 to \$5.00
Leather Cigar Cases \$1.50 to \$6.00	Bath Robes.
Collar and Cuff Boxes 25c to \$1.75	Lounging Robes.
Handkerchiefs in gift boxes	Slippers.
Umbrellas \$1.00 to \$10.00	Underwear.
Gloves 25c to \$5.00	Neckwear 25c to \$2.00

If you live in Fayette county and have children you've heard of our big basement toyland with its crowds of merry youngsters and eager shoppers day after day has this toy mecca been taxed to its capacity, this means that many lines have been sold out, others nearly so. It's the remaining toys of the big selling groups that are now cut in price. They're in our way and full lines must take their place. New, perfect, most popular toys at after-Christmas prices. Here's a few little prices, there will be many more by the time you arrive.

75c Doll Houses 50c	Mechanical R. R. Trains
\$1.00 Doll Houses 50c	\$1.25 kind at 85c
\$1.00 Shooting Galleries 75c	\$2.00 kind at \$1.50
50c Stuffed Animals 35c	25c Autos 20c
\$1.00 Soldier Suits 50c	35c Balloons 25c
DRESSED DOLLS.	TOOL CHESTS
25c Dressed Dolls 25c	25c kind at 20c
\$2.50 Dressed Dolls \$1.00	\$1.00 kind at 75c
\$1.50 Dress Dolls \$1.25	\$3.00 kind at \$2.25
\$2.00 Dressed Dolls \$1.50	\$5.00 kind at \$4.00
10c box Tin Cans 7c	Toy Furniture Sets.
MISSION DESKS	Walnut and Mahogany finish
\$5.00 kind at \$4.00	25c sets at 20c
\$4.50 kind at \$3.50	50c sets at 35c
\$3.50 kind at \$2.50	75c sets at 50c
DOLL GO-CARTS	Swing Hobbies, Horses
25c kind at 15c	\$6.00 kind at \$4.00
\$1.50 kind at \$1.25	\$1.50 kind at \$1.00
	\$4.00 kind at \$3.00



A Sale of Christmas Novelties.

Two tables of Christmas novelties at reduced prices will be mighty interesting news to many hurried shoppers. Christmas novelties of the better kind at that; only one or two of a kind left, that's the reason for the lessened prices. Here's the interesting part—the prices.

Comb and Brush Sets	\$6.00 Manicure Sets \$4.50
\$3.50 sets at \$2.50	\$3.50 Sewing Boxes \$2.50
\$5.00 sets at \$3.75	\$1.75 Sewing Boxes \$1.30
\$2.50 sets at \$1.85	\$1.00 Sewing Boxes 75c
\$7.00 Brush sets at \$5.25	\$5.00 Traveling Sets \$3.75
\$6.50 Brush Sets at \$4.50	\$4.00 Shaving Sets \$3.00
TRIPPLICATE MIRRORS	\$4.00 Pipe Racks \$3.00
\$3.50 kind at \$2.00	\$4.00 Mirrors \$3.00
\$4.50 kind at \$3.27	\$4.00 Clothes Brushes \$3.00
\$6.00 kind at \$4.50	\$2.75 Clothes Brushes \$2.00
\$5.00 kind at \$3.75	\$8.50 Pipe Racks \$6.37
\$10.00 kind at \$7.50	\$2.50 Pipe Racks \$1.68
\$4.00 Manicure Sets at \$3.00	\$1.00 Leather Jewel Boxes
	at 75c



Give Her a Gift for Herself Alone.

You have been thinking what to give her for a Christmas present, well, it's easy to decide if you come here; aisle after aisle of gift things displayed here and every one of a character that appeals strongly to the artistic sense of every woman. Give a woman something that she has dreamed of, but never expected to possess. The practical gift is, of course, alright in its way, but the trinket, a carved box, a beautiful mirror and hundreds of like gifts are the ones that cause the feminine heart to bound with pleasure and cause a lasting impression.

Sofa Cushions \$1.25 to \$1.50	Silk Hosiery \$1.00 to \$2.00
Japanese Boxes 25c to \$2.50	Coat Sets 50c to \$5.00
Puff Boxes, Rose Jars and Sissors at 25c and 50c	Embroidered Vails \$1 to \$2
Glove Boxes \$2.50 to \$1.50	Vanity Bags 50c to \$1.00
Handkerchief Boxes 25c to \$1.50	Hand Bags 50c to \$1.00
Mirrors 50c to \$3.00	Leather Sets 50c to \$2.00
Comb and Brush Sets \$2.00 to \$1.2	Back Combs 25c to \$5.00
Sewing Boxes \$1.00 to \$7.50	Bracelets 50c to \$7.50
Rich Pins in wide variety of kind and price.	Belt Pins 25c to \$2.00
Writing Folios \$2.50 to \$4.00	Hat Pins 25c to \$2.00
Jewel Cases 25c to \$3.50	Silver Wash Bags 50c to \$1.50
Traveling Cases \$3.00 to \$15.00	Silver Card Cases 50c to \$4.00
Umbrellas 75c to \$12.00	Silk Scarfs 50c to \$7.50
	Perfumes 25c to \$2.00

Women's Suits, Coats and other ready to wear apparel at prices decidedly reduced.

Cut Glass at Department Store Prices Means Sharp Savings to You.

We price our cut glass on the same basis of profit that rules the sale of other merchandise. That's why thrifty women always purchase their cut glass here. They save from 25 to 50 per cent and the collection is as broad as any in town. Heavy rich cut glass, perfect cuttings in newest designs. Here are some of the prices:

Bowls, \$2.25 to \$13.00	Cut Glass Vases \$2.00 to \$10	Footed Punch Bowls \$1.50 and \$3.00
Cut Glass Tumblers \$3.50 to \$3.00 a dozen	Cut Glass Celery Trays \$3.00 to \$8.00	Knife Rests 75c
Cut Glass Jugs \$3.75 to \$12	Sugar and Creams, \$3.00 to \$7.50 a set	Individual Suits 15c
Cut Glass Handled Olives \$1.00 to \$1.50	Comports \$2.00	Water Sets, Pitcher and six glasses \$8 to \$22.50



Christmas Slippers.

Every kind of slippers that's popular in the best of quality; slippers as gifts that long remind the recipient of the good wishes of the donor.

WOMEN'S SLIPPERS 60c to \$2.50
WOMEN'S SLIPPERS 98c to \$1.75
CHILD'S SLIPPERS 75c to \$1.15



Our Glove Department Was never more thoroughly prepared to meet the Holiday Demands.

Every glove we offer is absolutely correct in style, thoroughly reliable as to leather. Every pair new this season, which insures the stitching. Every size and every wanted leather in all the modish colors. A pair of gloves of the wrong shade or poorly made or incorrect in style would not be a very acceptable gift. Be sure the gloves you buy are correct. Some that we are showing.

WOMEN'S GLOVES.	or black, \$1.50	16 button kid gloves \$2.50
Tan, brown, black, grey, white, and green, short gloves, \$1.00 and \$1.50.	12 button gloves, tan or black \$3.50	16 button lamb skin gloves, black, tan or white, \$3.50
Manish gloves at \$1.25 and \$1.50	16 button gloves, tan or black, \$3.75	10 button kid gloves, black, \$2.50; grey, \$2.00; white \$2.00
Suede gloves, silk lined, grey	12 button lamb skin gloves, at \$3.00	Gauntlet gloves, in kid or chamol, \$1.25 and \$1.50

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PRICE, ONE CENT.

BANQUET OF THE MERCHANTS TO BE HELD LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

Preparations Are Going on Though Definite Arrangements
Have Not Yet Been Fully Decided On.

THE NEW ARMOYRY IS READY

Table Where the Big Dinner Will
Be Held and Furthermore the La-
dies Will Be Conspicuous Commit-
tee Are Now at Work.

Great preparations are being made
for the annual banquet of the Con-
necticut Association of Merchants
which will be held at the new armory
on Monday, December 23. The com-
mittee in charge of the arrangements
for the banquet are now at work
on the details of the dinner and
the entertainment. The banquet
will be held at the new armory
which has been recently completed
and is now ready for occupancy.
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NEW BRANCH

Missouri Pacific Has Another Feeder
to Arkansas.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 21.—An
announcement is made that the new
South-Gordon branch of the Missouri
Pacific system between Antelope and
Waukegan will be ready for the
operation of trains within the next
ten days. The completion of this
section will be an important step
toward the completion of the
Missouri Pacific system between
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Waukegan.

OBJECT TO REDUCTION.

Express Companies Will Fight Missouri
Proposition.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—
(Special.)—Argument was heard in
the United States District Court here
today on the question of a permanent
injunction to restrain the Missouri
State Board of Warehouse and Rail-
way Commissioners and Attorney Gen-
eral Hadley from putting into effect
the new law reducing express rates.
The new law is to become effective
the middle of next month and will re-
duce express rates on an average of
25 per cent. The injunction is sought
by the leading express companies
doing business in Missouri.

PRICE RAISED.

Restaurant "Short Orders" Have Gone
Up Five Cents—No Money in
Them at 16 Cents.

"Short orders" will not grow any
shorter, but the price has grown long-
er. Beginning yesterday, Bishop &
Jennings raised the price of the popu-
lar orders to 20 cents, 15 cents hav-
ing been the time-honored price for
them. Many were surprised to learn
that the price had gone up. Billy Bis-
hop explained it this way:
"This time last year," he says, "we
were buying milk a whole lot cheap-
er; coffee, too. The very brand that
we are using was four cents cheaper,
and butter was away down towards
what it is now. We used to make
about four cents on a short order, but
recently we have cut the thing so
fine that it left us justifying to make
anything on an order of this kind."
"I tell you we had to do it. We
don't expect to sell as many as we
did, but we will be in pocket then; for
we didn't make anything at all at 15
cents, and now if we sell ever so few,
we'll have a little profit anyhow."

GOODBYE BOOZE.

Coming Week Is the Last for Booze
Holders in Atlanta, and Sell-
ing Is Heavy.

Special to The Courier.
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—The com-
ing week will be Atlanta's last as a
wet or anti-prohibition city. With
the first of the year the State prohibi-
tion law will come into operation

and the various saloons and liquor
houses will close their doors and pass
into history. From present liquors
the stock of every liquor dealer
will be sold out before the clock
strikes 12 on the night of December
31.

With the Sahara-like prospect loom-
ing before them the saloon patrons
are sending in anticipatory orders to
be delivered on the last days of the
month. The saloon men expect an-
nual Christmas sales to be only a
small factor compared to the large
orders that will be booked during
the remaining days of grace. It is
reported that some of the prominent
liquor dealers have found it neces-
sary to hire additional help to ship
the orders to points throughout the
state, while an extra number of de-
livery wagons, to ship the orders to
points throughout the state, and an
extra number of delivery wagons
is required for the city trade.

LEAN CHRISTMAS.

Wall Street Finds Itself Very Poor
and Bonuses Will Not Be
So Plentiful.

Special to The Courier.
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Christmas
among the brokerage houses in the
financial district this season is ex-
pected to be over a leaner year in
the matter of bonuses to employ-
ees than last, which fell far below the
times of 1904 and 1905.
For all that, however, the comit-
tee on the Consolidated Exchange
which has in charge the matter of
collecting the annual gratuity for em-
ployees has been receiving many liberal
offers from the firms, generally expected.
Since the exchange moved into its
new building last summer the mem-
bers have prospered, and as a result
something like \$3000 will be distrib-
uted as Christmas gifts among its em-
ployees. But among the large bank-
ing and brokerage houses it is not
expected that the waltzes of the em-
ployees will be greatly enriched with
Christmas bonuses. Some of the
managers and clerks who in former
years have received presents of
thousands of dollars as a matter of
course will be surprised as well as
disappointed if they receive presents of
quarter of that amount at the dis-
tribution this year.

One Forces Oil Back.
The oil gusher that was struck in
Lucerne township Wednesday and
turned into a gas well. The pressure
of the gas has forced the oil back.

MAGIC LAND GREAT.

A 50 Cent Show Is on at Popular
Little Theatre for 10 Cents
the Coming Week.

Manager Sam Hamilton of Magic
Land will offer the patrons of his
theatre the biggest and best vaude-
ville show ever placed on his stage
next week, and that is saying a great
deal for he has had some exception-
ally high class attractions at his
house. The bill is an extra Christmas
offering and will popularize that
house for the management.

Among the offerings are Ivy &
Ivy, renowned as great musical co-
medians and famous all over the
vaudeville circuit. Their act is full
of entertainment from end to end,
and their music is charming.

The great Zento, hand-picked king and
jail breaker assisted by Myrtle Zento,
in her great feats of strength, are two
of the special features of the
week's bill. Manager Hamilton has
leased a special invitation to police,
detectives and constables to attend
these performances.

During Zento's
stay in town he will be taken from
Magic Land which to the police station
where he will be locked in a cell
handcuffed. The management states
that the man will appear upon the
stage a short time after he is placed
in the cell and that no keys will be
used to liberate him.

Miss Pearl Dixonport will sing the
beautiful "Hallelujah" romance from
"His Honor, the Mayor." Miss Dav-
enport is pleasing large audiences
every afternoon and evening and is
growing in popularity among the
many patrons of the theatre.

MERCHANT MARINE.

League Held Annual Convention To-
day and Many Distinguished
Men Present.

Special to The Courier.
CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21.—A no-
table attendance marked the conven-
tion held in Cleveland today by the
Merchant Marine League of the United
States. Former Governor Myron
T. Herrick presided and Mayor John
B. Corbett delivered the address of welcome.
Some of the speakers and their sub-
jects were as follows:
"Our Opportunity in South Amer-
ica," John Barrett, Director of the Bu-

reau of American Republics; "Why
the Postoffice Department is Interested
in Our Merchant Marine," J. T. Mc-
Clurey, Assistant Postmaster General;
"The Rotation of the United States,"
Truman H. Newberry, Assistant Sec-
retary of the Navy, and "Why America
is Losing Its Pacific and Oriental
Trade," Congressman W. E. Ham-
phill of Washington.
Senator Callahan of New Hamp-
shire and Senator Foraker of Ohio
are to be the guests of honor at the
banquet tonight.

CHOIR SINGER

Will Be Christmas Day Attraction for
Two Performances on Christmas
Day, Next Wednesday.

A play that is said to be entirely out
of the ordinary and full to the brim
with attractive features, including the
introduction of various musical num-
bers, is "The Choir Singer," which
comes to the New Soisson Theatre
from its New York triumph, on
December 23, matinee and night.

"The Choir Singer" tells the story
of a young Virginia girl of aristocrat-
ic ancestry, who is forced, through
the scheming of a New York stock
broker to abandon her ancestral home
and go out into the world to earn her
living as a public singer. This tale
is made the center for Alice Leighton,
the young heroine, by the fact that she
is the possessor of a highly cultivated
voice, which has gained for her at
home the soubriquet of "The Virginia
Nightingale."

An interesting complication in the
heart story which is centered in the
heroine and the young parson of the
local church in which Alice has for
many years led the choir, is most nat-
urally brought about through the in-
trusion of the parson's elderly sister
who, a spinster herself, does not pro-
pose to allow any other woman to
take her place at the head of her
brother's household. On her enforced
departure from Virginia for New York,
Alice has been led to believe that the
young parson has only been amusing
himself at her expense, and it is with
a heavy heart that she takes up the
battle of life for which by her early
training she has been so little pre-
pared. In a most ingenious and yet per-
fectly natural way the author, Carroll
Fleming, who gave to the stage "Six
Honkies" and other successful plays
of the so-called rural sort, brings her
Virginia characters to the metropolis,
whereby their contrast with New York
types, their numerous qualities are
brought prominently forward. A num-
ber of convincingly funny situations
are thus logically brought about so
that those who like a large portion of
laughter combined with the dramatic
features are certain of finding what they
want in "The Choir Singer." The in-
troduction of the musical numbers,
which is deftly done, is an especially
pleasing feature to lovers of good vo-
cal selections, artistically rendered.
The author's performance will be
given at 2:30 P. M.

STREETS NEED IMPROVEMENT IN THE SOUTH SIDE DISTRICT.

Cold Weather Is a Great Boon to Residents Who Have to
Travel in New Portion of the Borough.

CHESS TOURNEY.

Intercollegiate Match Began Today
and Will Continue Until Tuesday.
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)
The annual four-cornered collegiate
chess contest between Yale, Harvard,
Princeton and Columbia began today
in the rooms of the West Side Re-
publican Club in this city. The con-
test will extend over next Monday and
Tuesday. This is the sixteenth annu-
al tournament in which teams re-
presenting the four universities have
engaged. Thus far Harvard has won
nine times, Columbia five and Yale
once, while Princeton has yet to score
one, while Princeton has yet to score
its first victory.

NEWS FORECAST.

Little Doing in an Official Line Dur-
ing Christmas Week at
Washington.

Special to The Courier.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—
Washington is now in the lull of the
Christmas season, and there
will be little doing in the way of offi-
cial business during the coming week.
Some of the members of Congress are
leaving the capital to spend the holi-
days at their homes, but by far the
larger majority will remain in the
city. The proportion remaining here
is much larger than in former years,
a fact which is probably due in no
inconsiderable measure to the cut-
ting off of the free railroad passes.
It will be a merry Christmas at the
White House, where the President
and Mrs. Roosevelt will be surround-
ed by all their family. There will be
interesting conversations also at the
different embassies and legations, es-
pecially those where there are chil-
dren.

The officers and blue-jackets of the
great American battleship fleet now
on its way to the Pacific will spend
Christmas at Trinidad. The vessels
are due to reach the island on the day
before Christmas and will remain
there for four or five days.

Christmas week will be marked by
the usual large number of teachers' or
conventions held throughout the
country. The largest and most im-
portant of these gatherings will be
that of the Southern Educational As-
sociation to be held in Lexington, Ky.
The annual show of the Importers'
Automobile Salon, given over to mo-
tor cars of foreign manufacture, will
open Saturday in Madison Square
Garden, New York.

COUNCIL IS TIED UP AT PRESENT

Shortage of Money for Street Work
Make It Impossible to Make Needed
Repairs on the Outskirts of the
Town, Councilmen Say.

Cold weather is welcomed in one
section of Connellsville at least, and
that is the section bordering on South
Connellsville. The streets in that
territory were in a frightful condition
prior to the heavy frosts, but the peo-
ple live in daily terror that a thaw
will come and they will again be dom-
ed to wade through the mud.

The streets in the new Davidson
addition are particularly bad. This plot
of ground is a recently laid out one,
but there are many pretty houses
erected upon it. Prior to its becoming
a building site it was a great pasture
field, and swampy in some places.
This swampy condition still remains,
and sewerage is about the only method
by which the dampness can be over-
come. It is now filled with many
blind drains, but these do not carry
off the water since the improvements
were placed upon it.

The residents of South Connellsville
have also been wading in deep mud,
and there the question is an extremely
 vexed one. The residents of that
thriving little addition believe that
Greater Connellsville will some day
go to the dogs, and are loath to make any
improvements. The question of build-
ing an additional school is also in
abeyance on account of this theory.

The residents claim that if the town
becomes a part of Connellsville, the
new South Side school will be large
enough to accommodate the overflow
of pupils for some years.

South Pittsburgh street from a point
where the paving ends is also in a de-
plorable condition. The residents of
this thoroughfare have given up all
hope of receiving any assistance
from the Town Council and make the
best of their muddy streets and side-
walks.

Better things are promised for the
South Side next year.

TONIGHT! New Soisson Theatre, TONIGHT!



Nixon & Zimmerman
—PRESENT—
The gorgeously Staged
Musical Fantasy
"THE GINGERBREAD MAN"
Book and Lyrics by FRED C. RANKEN
Music by A. BALDWIN SLOANE
ALL-STAR CAST
AND A BRILLIANT ENSEMBLE OF
62---PEOPLE---62
PRICES: Matinee 25, 50c, 75c
Night 25, 35, 50, 75, \$1.00, \$1.50
Loge Seats \$1.50
Box Seats \$2.00

Seats on sale at Box Office of Theatre from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

JACK'S CHRISTMAS A LIVELY ONE.

**Aboard American Battleship
Fleet Will Be Celebrated
at Trinidad.**

GREAT PROGRAM IS ARRANGED.

General Liberty Will Be Given the
Crews in the Afternoon After Releas-
ing Services in the Morning—Car-
nival of Sports on Bill.

Special to The Courier.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Twenty-five
thousand men of the American navy
will spend their Christmas aboard the
great battleship fleet in the harbor of
Trinidad, where the ships are sched-
uled to arrive December 24. The hol-
iday will be a stirring contrast to the
ordinary Christmas in the land of
the Free, but it will be a merry
Christmas nevertheless.

If there is any class of American
citizens who have particularly deep
love for the American Christmas and
all that it symbolizes, it is the offi-
cers and sailors of Uncle Sam's navy.
Probably this enthusiasm for the
holiday is due to the fact that the sea-
faring man, in winter, what his station,
has an infinite amount of sentiment in
his heart. It all comes out at the
happy Yuletide season, when the
warmth of the gold brand, as well as
the blue jacket, become little boys
again, and the sailor's heart is open
to the joys of a rosy celebration.

Really, Christmas in the navy
is a special occasion, and as such
it is celebrated with a special program
of sports and games. The sailors are
allowed to keep their fires going all night long.
There is a virtual necessity for cakes
and pies must be baked by the whole
squad. These pastries, together with
apples and oranges, constitute prom-
inent features of the blue jacket's
Christmas feast, and only a cook who
has been through the mill can appre-
ciate the enormity of the appetite of
a crew of 100 or 150 hungry sailor lads.

Christmas morning on a warship is
very much like Sunday in that all of
the usual routine of the ship is omit-
ted. During the forenoon a religious
service is held on each ship on which
there is a chaplain. At noon occurs
what is, in the eyes of the blue jacket,
the most interesting event of the day.
This is the Christmas dinner.

Before the men take their places the
captain, accompanied by his chief of
staff, accepts an invitation from the
crew to visit their mess. He views
the decorations, partakes of enough
of the "goodies" to make him in many
instances for the moment the envy
of the subordinate and exchanges the
season with the lads who stand behind
him for "right on, frolic."

The banquet to which the rank and
file sit down is seldom inferior to the
feast which is later served to their
officers. Dozens of nimble waiters and
kitchen hands labor for days before
they make the dinner a success, and on
more than one such occasion the on-
looker has been forced to believe that
the sailors of the commission.

General Liberty is given the crew of
a naval vessel on Christmas after-
noon. If the ship is in foreign wa-
ters, this half of the day is generally
given over to a carnival of sports,
boat racing is common and boxing
and fencing and wrestling contests
are usually featured, together with
races, three-legged races and
basketball. Inevitably, each crew of
some sort, and returning to the deck.

The officers of a naval vessel have
their dinner in the evening. If the
ship is in a foreign station, the day
has probably been a rather more lone-
some one for the officer than for the
sailor, the latter has the "right on," and

the officer has spent most of his leisure
in a tiny stateroom, hanging over
and over articles that give evidence
of the work of a "loving" woman's
hands, and perhaps gazing over the
sight of a new photograph. There is the
most highly prized of the day, a photo-
graph. The spirit of the festival, how-
ever, induces the gathering of the offi-
cers for the evening meal. Every-
thing from turkey to plum pudding is
on the menu, if at all procurable, and
the men around the banquet board
give with a fervor equalled on no
other occasion the toast, "To our loved
ones at home," and that famous navy
health, "To our sweethearts and
wives; may the former soon be the
latter and the latter always the former."

Christmas on a naval vessel usually
closes with an entertainment by the
crew, perhaps an old-fashioned, side-
splitting minstrel performance, at
which the sailors appear in burn-
tongue and with costumes that are truly
fearful and wonderful to behold.
The program usually includes many
bits and jokes at the expense of the
officers, a number of rousing choruses
and tableaux designed to "berate" the
international events in which the navy
has participated or is likely to be called
upon to take a hand.

GINGERBREAD MAN.

It Comes to the Season Theatre Mat-
inee and Night Perform-
ances, Today.

With the acquisition of "The Ginge-
rbread Man," which comes to the
Season Theatre, matinee and
night, today, the fun of Nixon & Zim-
merman have secured not only one of
the most musical vehicles of the era,
but a play that has succeeded in spite of
almost unprecedented obstacles,
such as would tend to disrupt or dis-
courage any ordinary management.
Aside from this, however, the worthy
Philadelphia firm has secured one of
the best in Myron B. Rice, of the firm



King Bunn Bunn.

of Rice & Weyer, the former owners,
who will make his headquarters in
Philadelphia, under the guidance of
Mr. Nixon, one of the foremost fig-
ures in the theatrical world.

Mr. Rice has long been associated
in the business, having been the per-
sonal American representative of Sir
Henry Irving, during his early years
of this country, under the direction
of the old firm of Abbey, Schofield &
Crane, after which he was the gen-
eral manager of the late Fred Hamlin,
who at that time controlled "The Wizard
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he is associated with the Nixon & Zim-
merman staff and will reflect great
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BONAPARTE TO SPEAK.

Opening of Illinois Athletic Club To-
night Will Be a Big Event.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—
The completion of the magnificent
new home of the Illinois Athletic club
will be signalled by a dedicatory
banquet tonight that promises to be
one of the most brilliant functions of
its kind seen here in a long time. At-
tending, General Bonaparte will be the
guest of honor and principal speaker
at the banquet. Others who have ac-
cepted invitations to speak include
Congressman Ewolden of Illinois and
Interstate Commerce Commissioner
Lane of California.

NO QUAIL THIS YEAR.

Will Be Purchased by Young Regions
to Stock the Fields, Local
Sportsmen Say.

It is not likely that the Connellsville
sportsmen will buy any quail this
season for the purpose of stock-
ing the preserves in the territory.
Several hundred quail were purchased
last year, but nearly all of them died
shortly after their arrival here. The
quail came from the South and the
sportsmen are of the opinion that it
will be necessary to secure birds from
the West in a climate similar to that
of Fayette county. The Southern
birds are not hardy enough to with-
stand the rigors of this climate and
when turned loose soon die of cold.
Up to the present time the weather
conditions have been favorable for
quail. As long as snow does not cov-
er the ground the birds are able to
forage for themselves, but if a deep
snow that lies upon the ground for
any considerable period comes along
they soon die of starvation and cold.

SOLD 900 COURIERS.

Editions With Account of Explosion
at Darr Mine Eagerly Bought
at Scottsdale.

SCOTTSDALE, Dec. 21.—The Courier's
complete account of the big mine
explosion at Jacobs Creek Thursday
made another journalist hit here for
that enterprising paper. The first
edition, which reached Jacobs Creek
Thursday at 3 o'clock, with 200
extra papers, was sold as fast as the
boys could hand them out. Other or-
ders for the later edition caused the
sale of 900 Couriers during the after-
noon and evening.

The people know an enterprising and
reliable paper and that has the enter-
prise to deliver the goods, and the
Courier is always eagerly sought when
anything of importance is in the territory.
Many Scottsdale people went to the
scene of the disaster, both by train
and driving across the coldest, today.

SPORTING NOTES.

Boxing, Baseball, Football and Chat

In Other Life "Banlow" Merits Is
due for removal from Minnopolis "for
the good of the service."

Freddie Weeks and "Kid" Wol-
gan have agreed to box in Frank See-
ley's club in Pueblo, Colo., next month.
Before Stanley Ketchell crossed his
path Joe Thomas looked to be the gon-
gling "winner" among the welters.
Phoenix clinched the Arizona cham-
pionship recently, with Cy Young III
in the box.

The former Iowa League is now the
Central Baseball Association. Mrs.
Shallows has been dropped from the
circuit and Keweenaw, Ill., given the
vacant berth.

Tim Hunt, Jack Shindler and
Frank O'Day are talking Europe.
In other words, the three major league
umpires have taken a trip to Ireland.
Things should be pretty lively at
the Polo grounds next winter with
Manager McGraw and Captain Donlin
of the New York Giants both in the
game.

Patterson, N. J., will have a team
in the Atlantic League next season.
Years ago Patterson, in the old At-
lantic League, boasted of such players as
Honus Wagner, Emil Feldrick and
several other stars.

SHORTEST DAY.

Tomorrow, and Tonight—Longest of the
Year.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—
(Special.)—Astronomically winter will
begin at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening
the sun and earth at that time being
at the minimum point of separation.
Tonight will be the longest of the
year, and tomorrow the shortest day.
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sphere, where tomorrow will be the
longest day of the year.

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